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LIBERTY'S PROGRESS

Is America the "Land of the Free?"

BY W. N. DE. BERRY, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.

With the yearly return of the historic 4th of July our minds naturally revert to the days of that arduous struggle of Liberty vs. Tyranny, of which this, the so-called "Land of the free," was the scene. It is but natural that the heart of every liberty-loving American should swell with patriotic emotion when the scenes of that bitter strife and liberty's memorable triumph are brought before him. Prominent in the history of every great nation may be seen to stand forth as towering landmarks those events which mark the growth of national freedom, and toward the date of which they look with anxious pride and hail its yearly return with exultant hallelujahs.

The earlier days of Greece were days of confusion and strife. Treaty after treaty was made, but none prevailed until "Solon's Laws" acknowledged and secured the rights of men. The Roman plebieans contended with unremitting zeal until by the adoption of the "Ogulnian code" the bars of oppression were sundered and man equalized with man. Under these beneficent laws Roman liberty reached an appreciable development and the granduer of the Republic was achieved. But here liberty could not thrive. Grecian and Roman climes were ill adapted to its progress.

England, which had long been a land of human oppression, was next to become the place of liberty's abode. The native Briton hated his Saxon conqueror, who in turn oppressed him. Feudalism was a system both infamous and odious. Aristocracy looked with a jealous eye upon every advance of commonality toward freedom, and used every means to reduce them to a more degraded serfdom.

Such was the state of affairs that gave birth to the far-famed "Magna Charter." For centuries the English Commons extolled this instrument as their stepping-stone from slavery to freedom and the groundwork of English liberty. This instrument, though attended with wonderful results, secured to the oppressed a partial freedom only. Though the friends of liberty were many and strong, though the influences of the great revival and the reformation were conducive to its growth, the strength of tyranny was such as to deny it other than a youthful development.

But liberty is destined to reach its maturity and now seeks a land beyond the seas. A land free from the cruel clutches of tyranny and then unknown to human slavery. In such a land was liberty to thrive; not in the weakness of childhood, not in the feeble strength of youth, but in the power of a development more mature. Here, for liberty's sake, was to be formed a document of broader significance than any previous instrument of freedom.

The "Ogulnian Code" was the shield of Liberty's childhood, "Magna Charter" was the protection for its youth, but the "Declaration of American Independence" forms the impregnable safeguard of the noblest stage to which liberty has yet attained. This instrument, though meeting well its appointment, was sadly lacking in those elements which might have made it the gateway to liberty's perfection. In breaking the yoke of British tyranny it failed to loose the chains of American slavery. In enumerating the privileges of men tyrannically taxed, it ignored the rights of men unjustly enslaved. While it meant freedom to him who was partially a freeman, it as well meant slavery to him who was wholly a slave. Thus while liberty's progress was enhanced, its maturity was deferred.

Nevertheless is the Negro who was thus ignored called upon and supposed to celebrate with fitting ceremony this declaration, which meant naught to him when adopted, for he has since been given citizenship (?) in the country whose independence it declared. Can the Afro-American, in the spirit of a true patriot, celebrate the Declaration of American Independence? Indeed he could and would were it not that the same spirit which denied him the benefits of the Declaration is still alive, and to-day denies him the rights which the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution were designed to give him.

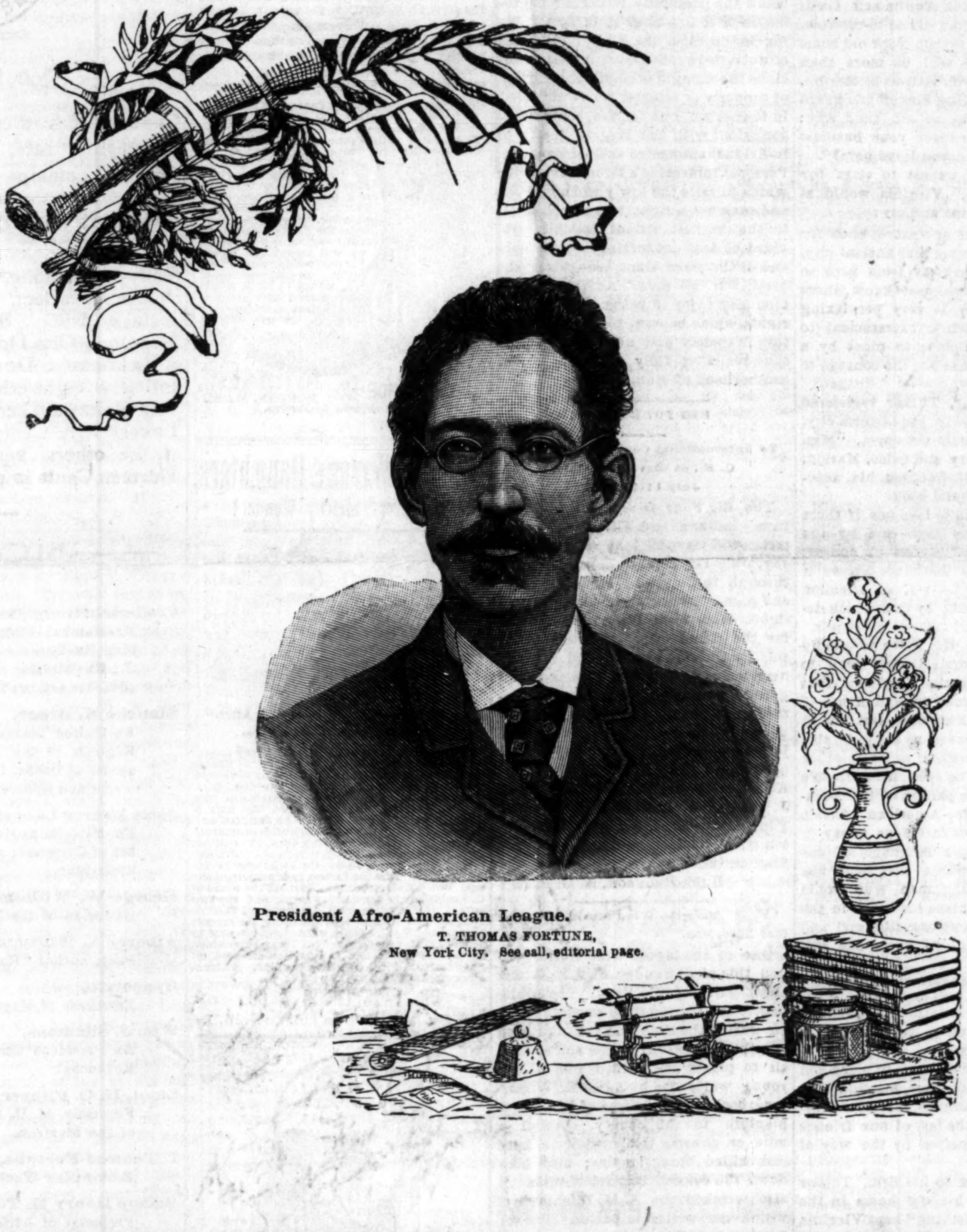
True patriotism, which involves a love for the laws of one's country, as well as a pre-eminent fondness for the genial clime, its scenery of beauty and its exhaustless resources of wealth, etc., goes hand in hand with freedom. The one is necessary to the other.

It is unjust to demand that the Afro-American or any other American loves his country more than his country loves him. A law unexecuted is by far worse than no law. If to promise and fail to fulfill destroys our confidence in individual character and integrity, in like manner must it effect us in regard to the country or government that commits the same evil?

Too much has been promised the Afro-American which has not been secured to him; and by far too large a portion of the meager amount of American citizenship which he has been permitted to enjoy, has been a result whose means of accomplishment aimed at something else.

The Emancipation Proclamation, which was evidently intended to supply the deficiency which the Declaration of Independence sustained, and thus pave the way to liberty's heaven of glory, was a document of still greater depravity. The fact that it proclaimed liberty to the enslaved of the states in rebellion only, made it partial; that its proclamation was left to the option of rebels, made shamefully conditional; that it aimed at the Union of states rather than the freedom of men, rendered it inferior in purpose and spirit to all other documents sent forth in liberty's name. Praise to the effect, but censure to the cause. Honor to the thing proclaimed, but shame to the proclamation.

That culmination toward liberty has so long wended its obstructed way, is yet to be attained. The instrument which is to mark its acquirement of this final stage is yet to be formed. This instrument shall be impartial and unconditional; shall know no creed but right, no caste but man, and perpetual freedom shall be its sequel. Then shall America be indeed the "Land of the Free." Then shall all men be free men and the dreadful contest of rights shall end.



President Afro-American League.
T. THOMAS FORTUNE,
New York City. See call, editorial page.

Killed His Step-Daughter.

Beechwood, Ill., Special.

The Union Labor strike is at fever heat in this place. So far they are allowed to run the passenger trains, but no freight. Rev. C. H. Davis, late of Fortune's Grammar school, Philadelphia, Pa., is in the village. He is the authorized agent in this state to sit up the order known as the Universal Brotherhood of America. A white man near Trenton, Tenn., killed his step-daughter and swore he did not do it. The mother insisting on him, he said he hoped the lie would choke him to death. The villan choked and said he was burning in hell. Hence he died a raging maniac. If the finger of God was showing truths of the murders, etc., that are committed in the South by white men, they would go like him. Just before dieing he wrote on the wall of the room: "I killed Bessie." They are such practical murderers, having boiled the lynch pot over with Negro blood, they slay their own children and throw them in to settle the broth. H. L. Williams is salesman for C. Woodruff. Mr. Woodruff is a white man, ex postmaster and our present mayor. Mr. Williams is also preparing to be admitted to the bar of our circuit court. Health in general is good. The Masons celebrated the 4th in the way of a picnic. Rev. J. K. Swain preached an able sermon Sunday at New Bethel Baptist church, to a large and appreciative audience. Seven persons were baptized. O. G. Birdsong is a coming young farmer. To keep posted with the doings of race, read The Freeman. We want 20,000 new subscribers.

A Camp Meeting.

Marion, Ind., Special.

The A. M. E. church will hold camp meeting in Queen City Grove, commencing Sunday, July 15th, Rev. H. H. Thompson, pastor. Miss Lillie James, of Indianapolis, is visiting Mrs. Sadie Nichols, of Marion. Mrs. Helen Valentine, of Dublin, Ind., is visiting friends of Marion. Mrs. Martha Clark is very ill. Mrs. Anna P. Julious returned from Ft. Wayne on Thursday. The Old Folks' concert on Thursday, given by Mrs. Cumings. Misses Nora and Mertle Parker, of Frankfort, Ind., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keen. The Freeman is on sale at J. M. Nichols' barber shop. Be sure to read it and tell your friends about it.

Shot And Cut For A Watermelon.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Miss Alice D. Carter is quite ill. Misses Addie Streator, Estelle Tolbert and Mrs. M. V. Lovelle, also Messrs. John Dunaway, Benj. and James Little are visiting in Shelbyville, Tenn. Mrs. Jas. Whitner left last Saturday for quite a lengthy visit to Asbury Park, N. J. Miss Lula C. Henderson has returned, after quite an extended visit to Nashville and Shelbyville, Tenn. Thos. Cunningham, an employe at Giles' Foundry and Pipe works, was seriously burned last Saturday, by falling into a tar pit His injuries, though quite bad, are not fatal. Riley Hutchinson, the hack driver, who was so seriously shot by Jas. Curry, a white saloonist, died Friday of his injuries. Curry is in jail. Thos Crosby, one of our most esteemed citizens, died Friday night of hemorrhage of the lungs. He worked all day Friday at the second ward place of registration. After going home at night he was attacked with hemorrhage from which he died. Last Thursday Nelson Cleage and Thos. Hopkins became involved in a quarrel over a watermelon, which resulted in Cleage receiving a severe cut in the head, and Hopkins being shot in the hand and thigh. Neither are fatally injured. The 4th of July Barbecue, given by the A. M. E. church at Indian Springs, was quite a successful affair. Mrs Samuel Martin has recovered after a few day's illness.

Grand Rally Day.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

The Plain City Concert Co. and Drill Corps had a nice audience at Princeton on the 4th of July. One half of the lower floor at the opera house was reserved for colored people. This company, under the management of M. Bradshaw, is making a great reputation. They have arranged for a date at Paris, Tenn. The Union excursion of the five churches of the city to Metropolis, Ill., on the 8th, carried 400 persons. C. H. Thompson, who recently went to his old home in Virginia to see his mother, has returned, she having died one day before he arrived. Miss Maud Mansfield made a brief visit to Metropolis last week. Miss Ellen Machem and Jas. Stovall were married at Metropolis, Ill., on the 3rd. They will reside in the future on Eighth street, near Ohio. J. A. Morton, W. H. Mansfield and Dr. C. I. Isbell are in Hopkinsville this week as delegates to the District Lodge G. U. O. of O. F. of Kentucky. Jas. Bryant is building a neat double tenement frame structure on his lot next door to the Seventh St. Baptist church. William Booze, a well known young man, died on the 1st inst. He leaves a wife and several children. An effort is being made to have the churches all unite and take charge of the Emancipation celebration on the 8th of August. The bicycle fever seems to have struck the colored population of this city. Several new wheels will soon be seen on the streets. Bud Dobson was arrested on the 7th, accused of detaining a white woman against her will out in the country a few days ago. Marshal Jas. Geary refused to let them carry him out to be identified. However, on the 9th, the woman came to the city and at first sight of the prisoner she declared him innocent. Call on Minor Bradshaw for The Freeman, at 419 Jackson street.

Election of Officers.

Metropolis, Ill., Special.

Sunday was rally day in the church circles. Five churches from Paducah came down and worshiped at the court house. Discourses by Revs. Cotter and Warfield. About 400 persons were on board and a good time generally was had. Rev. Cotter illustrates the doctrines of the Christian church at the court house this week. Lawyer Rice, of Mount City, was here during the past week. He is originally from Golconda. Monday night a meeting was held to organize a literary society, which has been much needed here. Rev. Champers, the presidig elder of the A. M. E. Church, held his last quarterly meeting for this year. Illinois Star Lodge, No. 1808, G. U. O. O. F., elected the following quarterly officers; D. C. Hughes, E. S.; A. D. Woods, V. G.; G. W. Rowlett, N. G.; Daniel Rodgers, F. N. G.; F. Pryor, N. F. Miss Mattie Malone, of Paducah, is visiting relatives in the city.

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IRITATED HIM---IS NOW DEAD

G. U. O. of O F. Observe Their Tenth Anniversary—The

World's "Little Wonder"—"Crooked" Work About a Teacher's Certificate—Shot By a Husband.

Helena, Ark., Special.

The New Orphan Lodge, No. 2564, G. U. O. of O. F. celebrated the 4th with a banquet in honor of the tenth anniversary at the Masonic hall. Miss Bettie Hinton, a young woman born without arms, who took the first premium at the world's fair, was in the city recently on exhibition. This little wonder of the world, can, with her toes, pick up a pin, write, paint and draw pictures. On Sunday July 1, 1894 the friends and members of the Centennial Baptist church celebrated two anniversaries, the eighteenth and fifteenth; the eighteenth of the organization of the Centennial church, and the fifteenth of the call of Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., as pastor. The occasion was well rendered and nicely appreciated with an extensive program at 10:45 a. m., as follows: Song, anthem, "Gloria;" reading scripture, Rev. E. C. Williams; song, praise, "Maestoso;" prayer, Rev. A. Durham; anniversary sermon, Rev. S. D. Gibson; paper, "Trials of the church," James Brice; 12 o'clock, collection and benediction; 3 p. m., reading scripture, Rev. A. H. Miller; prayer, S. P. Price; song, "Hallelujah;" brief reminiscences, Messrs. S. McNeal, T. Robinson, Geo. Arnold, Mesdames D. Brice, I. Brown, J. Tukes and S. J. Caver; sermon, Rev. G. W. Swan; 4:40 p. m., collection and benediction; 8 p. m., scripture reading, Rev. Jimerson; prayer, Rev. W. A. Holmes; music by choir No. 2; address, Rev. A. H. Miller, ex-pastor; solo Miss M. A. Caver; paper, "Our young people," A. D. Herron; paper, "Fifteen years as a pastor," Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D.; 10 p. m., collection and benediction. Committee of arrangements, Geo. Ormond, Jack Goodman and H. P. Morris.

Chas. Williams is in the city from the vicinity of Pine Bluff. Mrs. Robt. Johnson is rejoicing over the arrival of her brother, Giles Moore of St. Louis. She had not seen him for thirty years. The little son of Drayman Louis Jackson, while riding on his father's dray, fell off and was run over across the leg.

The County Superintendent (white) iritated Mr. Hood, a school teacher of Amite county, Miss., in managing some business, for which he received a note that he claimed to be insulting and made it known to his young friends, who armed themselves to pay the professor a midnight call. On arriving at his house they sent in Hanks, the son of the ex-sheriff, to call him out. Hood responded with firing and killed him; then he goes to a window and began shooting into the crowd. They returned the firing, riddling Hood's body with bullets.

Anthony Cross is back from Memphis looking well. Chas. Henderson is convalescing from several days illness.

Miss Anna C. Watson, accompanied with her father, took a speedy leave for Marvell, Ark., to investigate some rascality enacted about her certificate, after having taught school for a number of years. She was told that she only received a third grade license at the county examination a few days ago. Miss Watson thinks that it is a concocted scheme with money in it to deprive her of her school that she will soon accept at Marvell. It seems to point that way, as a young lady of that town who had not been promoted any further than the fourth grade in her studies several years ago, and had never taught in her life, got a first grade licence in preference to Miss Watson, who has been teaching all the time.

H. W. Holloway returned from T. B. Allen's stave camp, where he has been cooking, to pay his wife a short visit.

The excursion on the S. G. V., given by New Light Lodge No. 5, K. of P., and Damon Division No. 3, U. R. K. of P., to Friar's Point, Miss., was a success. J. H. Peterson, the king of delicacies, was on hand to serve the crowd. The Helena Invincibles crossed bats with the Friar's Point nine out at the park. The Invincibles, who have not lost a game this season, batted them out of existence.

Miss Emma Burns was forced to put Miss Jessie Kilabrue under law; pity.

Jimmie Hanks intruded upon the family rights of Wm. Mead, and was shot by the husband with a 38 calibre British Bulldod, the ball striking him in the back below the shoulder, penetrated the upper corner of the lungs and fell below the breast where it lodged. The shooting took place on Pillow's Lake, which Jimmie swam twice, making his escape after being wounded. Mrs. Mead took refuge in her father's house.

Willis William has a sick family, all are down except him. Isaac Fuller has prepared a neat little wagon for city express purposes. It is quite benificial to our washer women.

Mrs. Carrie M. Hall declined going to Boston to go to Baltimore, Md., for which city she has taken leave, accompanied by her youngest sister, Ida, whom she will place in a convent for three years or more.

H. C. Pope, a student of Wilberforce University, was in the city with stereopticon views and illustrated lectures of the American Negro churches. He gave an excellent lecture to the Y. M. L. S., which was listened to with interest. Mrs. Anna Peteras is able to be out again.

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MAID AND MISTRESS

A Romance of Two Cousins.

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN,

By AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, ("B. Square.")

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow." "A Rolling Stone that Gathered Moss."
"Prof, L. Wilson Dozier." "The Raise Problem,"
"Hon. L. Sweitzer, M. C." Etc. Etc.

CHAPTER XVIII.

"IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN."

The —th Congressional District of Virginia was Republican by 3,000 majority, still in the face of this the edict had gone out from the Democratic headquarters that they must elect their man peacably if they could, by force if they must, and the good white citizens of K— and N— were expected to do their share of the counting out of the Republican candidate and the counting in of their own.

Next, in fact before a legal fight, Capps loved a hand to hand fair and square political battle, and it would be the strongest proof in the world that he loved Sarah Jane better than his life if he spent the day with her instead of riding from poll to poll in the city and township.

He had almost forgotten that Tuesday was election day when on that eventful morn he hired the same horse and buggy and started to visit his sweetheart. He had not even voted, and was hardly aware that there were more men upon the streets than usual. He had driven several miles in the country until he came to the turn in the road which led to N—, Willis Hayes' bailiwick, whence came the rude awakening: "Why to-day's election day, I must go back to the city and vote," and he turned the horse around and returned to K—.

Of all sad words, in our opinion, the saddest is "If." If he had kept on the road and visited Sarah Jane, as he promised; or even, if he had hurried to her side after voting, or if Willis Hayes had not been in town, or if fate had not decreed otherwise, he would doubtless have been the devoted lifetime companion of the beautiful quadroon,

"Hey there, Nute! I have been looking all over town for you," yelled Hayes as he saw Capps standing upon the postoffice steps talking. "I want to see you," he continued.

"Very well, only cut it short, a previous case and client, miles away, are waiting for me."

"Why, what's up?"

"Nothing, only the best woman in Virginia is going to give me a favorable answer to an important question, that's all, old boy."

"You will have to have the hearing put off for a few days, Nute, to-day's a legal holiday."

"Can't do it, Willis, the case has been called, in fact the jury's been out since Sunday afternoon and I must be on hand to hear the verdict."

"I must be short and pointed, Nute. If Miss Whitehurst has resolved to be your wife the information will keep this time of the year until to-morrow; if she intends to jilt you, why you can live upon hope and expectation one day. You should not be anxious to hear your doom. Now, you can't go out there to-day, we want your aid out in the county. They are doing everything they can to defeat Brown, and I have heard of a plot this morning to throw ont 300 of our votes. We need you to watch these white rebels. Come, get in my buggy and go with me. They can't do anything wrong when you are there. Come, we have no time to loose."

Capps halted between love and duty for a few minutes and then responded to duty's call, and we will respectfully inform our young lady reader who knew from the beginning that he would marry Sarah Jane, that he did not.

"Well, I'll go with you, Willis, they must not be permitted to steal this county, the banner one of the district. Drive by the office until I get some legal blanks and one or two of my letter heads."

They were soon in the election distrist of N—, where they were informed by Hayes' faithful aids the full nature of the plot and the two young leaders at once set to work to counteract it, and while they are justly counter ploting against an unjust plot against a free ballot and an honest count, we will see what has become of some of our white friends.

CHAPTER XIX.

MISS VIRGINIA HAYWOOD TRIES TO CAPTIVATE TUCKER.

Miss Haywood turned up (by accident of course) at every place in Europe Norris Tucker went, and strange to say the names of Mrs. M. C. Montgomery and neice, Marion, S. C., always appeared upon the register of a hotel under that of Norris Tucker, New York City, and Miss Haywood always expressed great surprise to her aunt and Tucker about "the strange coincident" of their meeting so often. To the young man she would say: "Oh, Mr. Tucker, how strange, very strange, that we should meet so often." To her aunt she would say: "Auntie, Norris Tucker, must be in love with me, for he follows us all over Europe; why, he's here!"

As we before stated, Tucker's name always appeared first, so we must suppose, if we want to believe the statement of the beautiful Virginia, that this was one of those rare, exceptional cases like the wheel barrow, where the cause goes in advance of the results.

"Well, good bye, Mr. Tucker," she would say, "I think Auntie and I will start for the United States to-morrow. Should you ever revisit your old home in Alabama, we will be more than pleased to have you visit us at Marion, S. C." Then taking him off his guard she would ask in an off hand way: "Where do you expect your business will call you when you leave here?"

If he said, "I expect to start for Rome, Thursday," Virginia would at once go to her aunt and say:

"Oh Auntie, let us start at once for Rome; I want to see that ancient city, and I want to slip away from here so that young man will not know where we are going. It is very perplexing and gives me much embarrassment to be followed from place to place by a young man who has not the courage to propose."

When, however, Tucker registered at a leading hotel in the historic city, the ghost that would not down, "Mrs. M. C. Montgomery and neice, Marion, S. C., U. S. A.," haunted his autograph upon the hotel book.

At last he began to love her, if there is such a thing as love—and by the way what is "love?" Let us consult Dr. Webster, he doubtless knows if any one does. "L-o-v-e, an affection of the mind, caused by that which delights; fondness."

Ah! we have it. Love is simply fondness, and Norris Tucker grew to be fond of Virginia Haywood, that was all; almost fond enough of her to ask her to become his wife, but not so fond of her, however, as not to be able to transfer his emotion to some other female heart if it was needed. We humbly crave the pardon of the beautiful young Afro-American female reader, bnt candor forces us to say in the common place language of the day, "there's where his head was level." The young man who would before marriage place his heart in the keeping of only one beautiful girl and go to sleep saying, "I know she will be true,

"Yes, just as true as the skies are blue,
Just as bright as the noon day's light,"

is an unconfined lunatic not qualified to be a hero of ours, and Tucker is one of our heroes.

They drifted from place to place and point to point together, meeting first by "accident" and at last by agreement, and were the last of our friends to return to America by the way of Hamburg.

After reporting to his firm, Tucker started to visit his old home in the South, and "something" kept Virginia Haywood in New York until the young man started South. He spent a week upon the plantation just outside of Marion, S. C., of which the beautiful Virginia was the sole heiress, as the guest of Mrs. M. C. Montgomery, and the twin sisters, gossip and rumor, soon had it that Norris Tucker and Virginia Haywood were engaged to be married.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

FATHERHOOD OF GOD,

Brotherhood of Man—By Rev. W. F. Smith, Decatur, Ala.

If God is Father of mankind, it follows that all men are brothers, that all races are but one common family. This thought is especially impressed by the new testament scriptures. The Jewish economy had been calculated to show divine favor toward that particular nation as a chosen people. But the wall of partition between them and others was broken down by the Saviour. This lesson the Jews were shown to learn that were they not the favored ones the children of Abraham, had they not Moses and the prophets, so they had, and it was really difficult for them to look above these and see in the man of Nazareth in his humiliation the one greater than David or Moses or Abraham though such he was, still less ready were they to find in him a common redeemer for mankind.

The vision of Peter was intended to show that all kindred tongues and people were as Jews in their relations to the atoning Christ. None were to be considered common or unclean all having been redeemed by the blood of Jesus in the ministry of our Lord. This idea of one race of mankind, one family, one atonement, one hope, and one heavenly inheritance is prominent. One in Christ Jesus is also a frequent theme in the writings of the apostles. Man was one in the creation and again one in the house of Noah. The three or five or twelve races or classes of men have sprung from the same stock and have many things in common; indeed every thing essential to man belongs to all of these branches and these several tribes blend undefinably and imperceptibly into each other and mingle like species of a genius or class as they really are. The European becomes American, the Asiatic, European and either or both African by change of location and all blend by mixture of blood and by intercourse and interest in the one great family, man This is the great fact to be recognized in all efforts to reform and elevate the masses, all are men with human thoughts, feelings, susceptibilities, hopes and fears and all are to be moved principally in the same way the moral intellectual and physical conditions of all may be improved beyond present attainment. None have advanced so far that there is nothing for them to gain nor have any sunken below the possibility of deeper degredation or so low that it is impossible for God to raise them up. This idea of universal brotherhood does not include the thought of such a community of property or interest as is involved in fourierism but on the contrary is consistent with the largest liberty to individual enterprise and achievement. Personal interest is a strong lever with which to raise the lowly and oppressed and each has a right to serve himself to the highest extent possible, provided he does not infringe upon others and at the same time recognizes the brother in all men. As brothers all men may enjoy in peace and love the rights which belong to each by nature in society and under the Gospel thus realizing fully the fact of the brotherhood of man.

BIG FOUR ROUTE

To International Convention Y. P. S. C. E., at Cleveland, Ohio, July 11-16, '94.

The Big Four is the Official route from Indiana and Illinois. Special trains will leave Indianapolis, Wednesday, July 11th, at 11 a. m., and run through to Cleveland, reaching there at 7 p. m., making entire trip by daylight. Rate from Indianapolis, $8.25 for the round trip. Tickets will be sold for the above special and all regular trains of July 9th, 10th and 11th, good to return until July 31st. A further extension to September 15th may be secured by depositing tickets with joint agent at Cleveland. For further particulars call on L. J. Kirkpatrick, Kokomo; Harriet J. Wishard and C. J. Buchanan, Indianapolis; also Big Four ticket offices, No. 1 E. Washington street, 36 Jackson Place and Union Station, Indianapolis.

H. M. BRONSON, A. G. P. A.

Terrible Wind Storm.

Glen Allen, Miss.

One of the bigest wind storms visited this place Sunday night. It was about early candle light. The white people had their church services going on during the time and the lightning sturck the church steeple and split it all to pieces and killed one of the young white men by name E. Wilkerson, book-keeper of one of the larger planters in the county. About a mile or so away it blew down a barn and killed three mules; also blew down the colored Baptist church. It also wrecked the A. M. E. church of which the writer is pastor. The top must come off to make a good house.

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OLD-TIME DAYS.

I can see the river gliding, as it used to long ago,
Round the shoulder of the meadow, where the thick-set willows grow.
I can hear it purl and ripple, in a gentle lullaby,
To a little barefoot dreamer gazing up into the sky.

Yonder lie the brown old farmhouse, crowned with chimney huge and square,
And the barn, belov'd of swallows, with its weather-cock in air.
I can hear the river ripple blend with cow-bells from the hill,
And the far-off clang and rumble of the log frame in the mill.

How I loved to lie a-dreaming in the deep and quiet grass
While I watched the ghosts of noonday through the field of heaven pass!
I was happy—oh, so happy—while the purling of the stream
Seemed to weave a little poem for the music of my dream!

Oh, to taste once more the pleasure that I knew in years gone by,
When my heart was full of sunshine as the summer morning sky!
Oh, to feel that outdoor gladness when the days were fresh and long,
And the bluebird climbed to heaven on the ladder of his song?

[James Buchanan, in Harper's Weekly.

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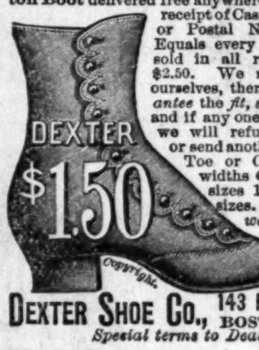

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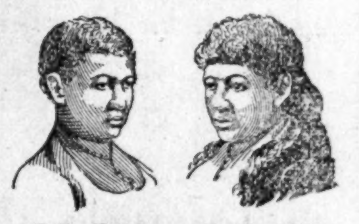

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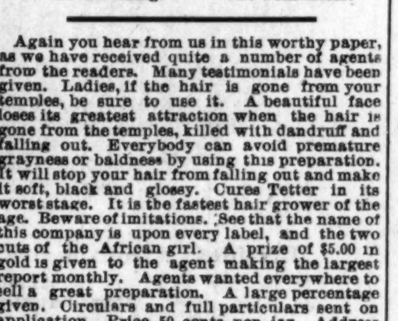

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When little Bess was but a child,
She came to me one day
And laid her head upon my cheek
In her sweet baby way.

"Papa," she said, "I want a doll."
What could her papa do?
With hear quite full of parent love,
I straightway brought her two.

The years sped on; the crown of youth
Lay on her maiden brow.
Again she came to me and said,
"I want a pony now."

The pony came. How glad was I
To see her happy face!
And on my wrinkled heart there lay
No blighting sorrow's trace.

Alas! how easy 'tis to give
Our treasures of the heart
To those we love; but O! how hard
It is from them to part.

For yesterday she came again,
Just as a child of three,
And blushing, said, "He's there down stairs
Papa, and he wants me."

Mrs. Kate Myrick has been appointed river observer at Girard, La.

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Mrs. Colmere Dunn was the author the phrase, "A conspiracy of silence," which has been used in politics for years. It was the title of one of her novels.

†—†

Mrs. Hammond, the widow of the late Dr. W. G. Hammond, chancellor of the St. Louis Law school, has given the extensive private library of her husband to the law department of the State University of Iowa. It contains a large number of valuable legal and historical works.

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The marble portrait bust of Harriet Beecher Stowe, executed by Miss Anne Whitney, of Boston, was unveiled recently at the Wadsworth Athenæum, Hartford, Conn., by Hilda Stowe, a grand-daughter of the distinguished author. Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker made an address.

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It isn't necessary to be an heiress to be stylishly gowned this summer. Some of the prettiest materials sell for less than 25 cents a yard. The challies at 12 cents a yard are really bewitching. They are showered with blossoms and make up prettily, with ribbons to match the color of the flower.

†—†

When the act was passed relieving the Queen of the gruesome necessity of signing death warrants, by a curious oversight no mention was made of the Isle of Man, and the execution of a criminal who committed murder in that part of Her Majesty's dominion is the only one which the Queen has sanctioned with her own hand since the beginning of her reign.

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A sewing screen, to be used in any room in the house, has much to commend it besides its novelty. It is a model work basket. The screen frame is first covered with chintz or cretonne of some pretty pattern. One side of the screen is left plain, and to the other is attached pockets with a lattice work of braid, to hold all sorts of things. Reels of cotton and silk may be held on long wire nails, driven at intervals into one side of the frame. Everything necessary can be found on the inside of such a sewing screen.

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In the great carpet mills of Philadelphia, where it is claimed more carpet is made in a single ward than in the whole of England, the actual competition of women with men is a marked feature; in many cases they earn equal pay for the same work. In these mills the burlers earn from $6 to $10 a week. They work from 7 in the morning till 6 at night, with half an hour off for dinner. Those who do not live at home can get good board for $3 a week, leaving quite a wide margin for dress or for savings.

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Some of the girls have discarded the yellow garter and the pillow stuffed with love letters, and have discovered a new and sure scheme to ensnare the wily Clark county youths, as is evidenced by the following paragraph from the Democrat: "The latest superstition is that if a girl takes the small bow which fastens the lining of a man's hat and wears it inside her shoe, she will have a proposal from the youth within a month. The success of the scheme may be open to question, but it is proving very destructive to hats."

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A pen portrait from a foreign correspondent of a typical Argentine girl presents a very charming picture. In the bloom of youth, and maturity as well, for she is fully developed at 15, she is beautiful to look upon, with her erect and splendidly proportioned figure, perfect oval face, hair as dark as night, and lustrous eyes, shaded with long curling lashes. A tinge of European blood gives her cheeks the dainty pink of the damask rose. And as her full, red lips part in a smile over teeth of that pearly perfection rarely seen, she is a fascinating object of sensuous beauty. To complete the enchanting picture, she must be clad in some soft, clinging material, made in the latest Parisian style, with here and there a gleam of diamonds, and a coquettish hat to frame her dainty face. A woman in the highest sense of her peculiar nature, and yet a child with all the vivacity of youth, she captivates with her beauty, but in mind and soul there is something wanting which physical perfection does not satisfy and the charm is soon gone, for at 25, when the American girl is just at her best, the Argentine girl is passe. Her habits are indolent, and she is addicted to the use of rouge and powder to such an extent that her original complexion is entirely concealed.

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The 4th passed off nicely. The season is fully open. It is said that there is more people here this summer than there were last year. Most all of the hotels and boarding cottages are open. Mrs. S. Coleman has opened her new house on Brak street. W. L. Serves has a full house. Rev. M. M. Dent was the guest of Rev. W. W. Johnson on the 4th. Rev. A. Smallwood and wife spent a pleasant day at Asbury Park John Have has three fine horses and runs a stage line. The Baptist and A. M. E. churches can hardly seat their congregations on Sunday nights. The two Sunday schools will have their picnic together this year. The two pastors are going ahead with their work. Daniel Webster is repairing his cottage on Brook street. Wm. Oliver was down to see his family from New York. Mr. Editor allow me a few words in regard to the rights that have been taken from us here. For ten years we have had a black man on the police force during the summer months and the president of the organization of tax payers and voters (colored) called a meeting and appointed a committee to wait on the Commissioners' Board last Monday night and ask the Board to place on the police force a black man. Reading the names of men of our choice: Samuel Eddie, Fresbey Loves, John Willis and John Hooe; of the four men we asked for one, but we were denied which we hold as a mean thing on the black man, and steps are being taken to call a committee of voters and tax payers to this city for the purpose of considering it. Mrs. T. C. Falten was highly insulted by a white man ordering her off the sea shore which is free for all.

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WAIT TILL MY SHIP COMES IN.

"Wait till my ship comes in," said she,
"Wait till my ship comes in."
It skims like a swan across the sea,
Searching for beautiful things for thee.
From o'er the ocean, so deep and wide,
Laden with treasures, and more beside,
With sails like a bird's white wings outspread,
"Twill enter our harbor soon," she said,
"Oh, then how happy we all shall be,
For every will I will grant to thee."
"When will your ship come in?" asked she.
"When will your ship come in?" asked he.

"Wait till my ship comes in," she said,
"Wait till my ship comes in."
Meantime the years like a dream hath sped,
Hopes that were cherished are long since fled,
And one sad day in the autumn-tide
Two youthful forms were laid side by side;
In dying Edith said: "Mamma, see
The beautiful ship has come for me."
And John said low, as she kissed his brow:
"Mother, your ship's in the harbor now."
"The beautiful ship has come," said she.
'The ship's in the harbor now," said he.

Ah, while we wait for ships at sea,
The freighted ships at sea,
Pleasures are drifting beyond our reach,
Joys we prize are washed from life's beach;
Hope's bright beacon, that lights up our shore,
Is quenched by the spray that dashes o'er;
Happiness, treading the sands by our side,
Is stranded and wrecked by the surging tide,
And love, with its bright dreams unfulfilled,
Dies in the heart by long waiting chilled.
Hark! as the waters of life subside,
Death rides high on the in-coming tide.

So wait not for the ships at sea,
The phantom ships at sea,
Garner the blessings which now thou hath,
Behold the spoils of the tempest's wrath.
Great ships are lifted like frail seaweeds
And dashed on the beach like broken reeds.
'Twere vain o'er past joys to repine;
Enjoy the present, it is thine;
Make others happy, nor chary be
With a helping hand on life's rude sea.
If adverse winds swamp a comrade's boat,
Give him an oar to keep afloat,
For time will come when each bark shall glide
Across death's sea on the ebbing tide.

E C. Longmire.

New Orleans, June, 1894.

Delegates to the S. S. Convention.

Denison, Tex., Special,

W. H. Santee and Miss Roxie Hill spent last Sunday in Sherman. Mr. Scott is on the sick list. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized at the A. M. E. church, with Rev. Wm. B Johnson, president; Mrs. E. A. Pyle, vice president; Miss Maggie Jones, secretary; Oscar Thompson, treasurer. The auxiliary of the Hopewill church is doing nicely. Rev. Moore, from Elreno, O. T., has been in our city soliciting aid for the Masonic hall. Rev. A. L. Balay passed through the city recently enroute to Dallas. The following are the delegates to the Sunday School Convention of the Dallas District of the A. M. E. church: Miss Maggie Jones, Mrs. S. Mathews and J. A. Coleman, Jr.

The political pot has began to boil. Mrs. Mollie Hardeman was bitten by a tarrantula and had to call in Dr. Thompson. Prof. J. B. Watson has left for the South. Mrs. A. Williams will visit Omaha, Neb, soon to spend a fortnight with her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Franklin. Bernice, the infant daugther of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gentry, has been quite sick. Mrs. W. B. Johnson spent a few days in Sherman the guest of Mrs. S. E. Kidd. Ed Bonner, of the M. K. & T. service, is taking a lay off.

Church Wrecked.

Grays, Ark., Special.

We had a nice time in the Lonegrove Quarterly Conference, June 24th. Dr Scale died the 24th. Prof. C. G. Wheeler, Steegall, and J. L. Steegall will open their schools soon. July 1st a storm blew the tops off several houses and blew Calona Baptist church down.

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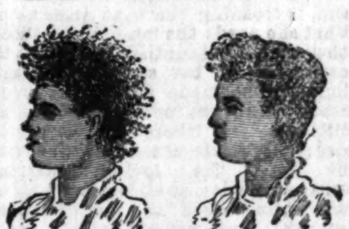

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Don't you fill the whole newspaper
With a tale which at a pinch
Could be crowded in an inch.
Boil her down until she simmers;
Polish her until she glimmers.
When you've got a thing to say,
Say it. Don't take half a day.

A MONUMENT TO JOHN BROWN.

At last, it seems probable that in the course of time the Negro of America will rise to the possibilities of what should have been long ago a labor of spontaneous affection and devotion on his part, to the end that a monument shall be reared to commemorate the life and services of John Brown, the hero martyr of slaveholding fear and hate. The movement starts most fittingly at the nation's capital, under the auspices of a committee of gentlemen of racial and national note, with Frederick Douglass as chairman. From the circular sent out by the committee we glean the following suggestions and intentions, which we trust our readers and the race generally will be inspired by.

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"This little engine house (at Harper's Ferry), while it remained in its place, was itself a speaking monument of John Brown. It was visited by thousands in their journeyings enroute from East to West. The engine house has now been permanently removed and the place where it once stood has nothing upon it to mark or indicate the facts connected with it and to impart any idea of its historic value. The proposition is now submitted to build a monument to John Brown upon that identical spot, which, while it shall rescue that place from doubt and uncertainty, will honor the memory of the hero and martyr and give evidence of the gratitude of the people for whom he gave his life.

"It is not proposed to build here an expensive monument. A plain granite shaft, solid and symmetrical, typical of the character of the man, seems to us all that is necessary to the end in view. The cost of such a monument need not exceed $10,000 or $12,000. This sum, it is believed, can easily be collected by individuals and committees, who may volunteer in the work, without imposing any hardships upon our people. Already the company of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has granted us the land on which to place the monument and this will secure it against vandalism, since it will be under the care of that wealthy company.

"To enable this National Committee to carry out its laudable intention, it is desirable that you should at once call together and organize a committee in your locality whose business it shall be to co-operate with the National Committee in collecting funds to be devoted to this praiseworthy purpose. There should be in every town and in every community a John Brown Committee, which shall collect small contributions and retain the same in hand until needed by the National Committee. Each local committee should appoint its own secretary and treasurer. It should also allow no collections to be made in its neighborhood by any person whose character for honesty is not known. All money intended for the National Committee should be retained by the local treasurer until the sum of $25.00 shall have been collected, when the same shall be sent by draft or postoffice order to the treasurer of the National Committee. It is recommended also that the name and address, as far as possible, of each donor be recorded in a book, and the amount of the donation be set against his or her name. The said book or list should be sent to the secretary of the National Committee."

Now let the members of the race act. A small sum from many will do the work. Frederick Douglass' name stands sponsor that the funds contributed will not be misapplied. THE FREEMAN hails with delight this move and will contribute all within its power to assist in carrying it to a successful end. As long ago as Oct. 10th, '91, we said, while urging the very thing it is proposed now to do:

"It does seem that the great Negro family of America ought to do something—take some step—that would emphasize for all time to come their appreciation of this man's zeal, even though it was called inopportune and mis-directed, that took him to an ignoble death in the name of human liberty. It is not for us whose oppressions absorbed his soul to the exclusion of every other thing, during his restless and turbulent career, to weigh in nice scales the mistakes of that series of incidents that brought his old gray head to the gallows tree. Rather let us remember and never forget that his great rugged soul wept for the black man's wrongs, and for this crime, for so the law construed it, he went to his grave, than which, earth holds no prouder.

"Inopportune and misdirected we have spoken of his zeal, and the general verdict of history has said as much, but was it misdirected? Was the declaration of the Master, "I am the way and the life," ill-timed and misdirected, because forsooth he expiated the penalty of his crime upon the cross? Was the spirit that precipitated the French revolution, progressive or unprogressive? Was Waterloo a battle or a transformation, or the shot that was heard around the world an incident or an epoch? From the moment that Virginia's haughty militia closed in double ranks around John Brown, of Ossawotomie, the institution of human slavery was doomed and within less than five years was dead.

"On great public demonstrations, we are wont to recite over and over again the story of our race's travail while we return thanks to Providence for the deliverance that came at last. But among all that band of noble self-sacrificing spirits that made up the contingent of slavery's foes in that dark and lowering period, from '59 to '63, there is one name that stands out from all the rest whose memory most deserves our tears and flowers, and that name is plain John Brown. In moments of inspiration we sing "His soul is marching on," and by the same sign, why have we not long ago reared a granite shaft or storied urn upon the consecrated spot of his taking off, and where liberty shrieked at the consummation of the brutal legal crime."

A LESSON THAT IS BEING LEARNED.

We hope the report of an organization known as the Anti-Strikers' Railroad Union, composed of colored men, and growing, is true. Not until the Negro becomes cohesive (and we may add sensible and combative) enough to organize and swing together—thousands strong—for the rights, considerations and opportunities in the battle of life due him as an American citizen, will he be freed from commercial and business ostracism. The curse of past conditions, the federation of labor among the whites, and too much "come day, go day" spirit on his own part, has been against him. We hope the day of his emancipation from the aggressive hogglshness of his foes, and the lethargic, lazy incubus of his own self, is at hand.

He must do something, or he will do nothing.

If he would go up, he must get up! See?

L. B. Stevens, of Chicago, president of the Anti-Strikers' Union, in an interview in the Inter-Ocean, said among other sensible things:

"The attitude of labor unions and kindred organizations has become so aggressive as to be a serious menace to our system of government, and it is causing a revulsion in public sentiment. If capitalists and large employers of labor had given employment to the native-born American colored man instead of sending to the Old World and bringing here a class of foreign laborers who are not in sympathy with, and seem incapable of comprehending, American institutions many of the labor difficulties that now afflict the country would have been avoided."

The simple God's truth, every word of it, and more which could be said. It took this nation two years of continuous defeat in the guage of battle, at the hands of Mr. Jeff Davis & Co., to realize and appreciate the presence of the black man in the land, as a possible bullet stopper and defender of the flag, and it may be by the time the mob spirit, now rampant, and always present, has done its effectual work, and the smoking, gutted ruins of factory, storehouse and business mart is all that is left of American thrift and to mark the trail of the serpent, it may be when that time comes, if not till then, that capitalists, those who employ help and are dependant upon it, will learn to know the value and worth of the Negro—and learning, dare to employ him.

A CALL TO ACTION.

To the Presidents of the Local Leagues of the Afro-American League of the United States, Greeting:

We have reached a period in our contention for justice under the Federal Constitution and the constitutions of the several States, and for an honorable and Christian consideration of our manhood rights, when a decent regard for the opinions of mankind demands that we should enter a concerted and emphatic protest against the mob spirit abroad in the Republic, and against the unanimous action of the white citizens of the Southern States, backed up by their newspapers and the news service of the South, to break down the testimony given by Miss Ida B. Wells to the British public as to the extent of race prejudice and mob violence in the United States, whereof we are the victims without due process of law and in defiance of constitutional guarantees, State and Federal. The necessity is upon us to give voice to the grievous wrongs inflicted upon the race, without color of law, human or Divine, to the end that the British public may not be deceived by the avalanche of misrepresentations which is now being poured into Great Britain by white men of the South, who feel that they are being injured in their financial standing before the world by the plain, blunt, truthful statement of the facts which has been made to the British public by a woman of the race whose reputation is being assailed with all the malignancy and mendacity which desperate men employ in a hopeless and dishonorable cause.

In view of these facts and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me as president of the Afro-American League of the United States, I hereby direct that the presidents of all local leagues call mass meetings under the auspices of their league, on Monday evening, July 16, and take such action as may be considered wise and judicious, and forward me as soon as possible a certified copy of such action.

Invoking the Divine favor and the sympathy of mankind everywhere,

T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

We give space to the above with pleasure, as a late move along the line already marked out by the Cincinnati Turner Convention, and the response should be immediate and pronounced. We fear however, President Fortune made a mistake in not selecting a later date. We trust the sequel may prove our fears groundless. A query: Did the Age man read THE FREEMAN editorial "Ida B. Wells Abroad," in its issue of June 9th, and, if so, how much inspiration did he receive from same as covering that phaze of the "call" directing attention to the assaults being made upon the reputation of Miss Wells uy the desperate "chivalry" of the South? Said THE FREEMAN:

"But now that the English press and the great English speaking masses are, through the eloquence and persistency of Miss Wells, herself a fugitive from their persecutions, beginning to see them, not through scales on their eyes, but as they really are—the greatest criminals of the latter half of the nineteenth century—their consternation is real and almost laughable. And just in proportion as their indignation grows apace, should Miss Wells grow in the consideration and esteem, not only of every memory of her own race, but justice loving people everywhere. She is making history. Every time she opens her mouth she is giving life to a sentiment the value of which is incomputable. She, in a sense, pleading the cause of a persecuted people, a stranger in a strange land, is treading the wine press alone. What she needs the most, if anything, other than her dauntless heart and the inspiration of her self-selected mission, is to be made to feel by every means within our power that we are with her. Her labors shall be our labors; her trials are ours; and ours the duty, the loving, earnest, unflagging duty, at all times, on all occasions, in season and out of season, before all men, without excuse, explanation or invitation, to hold up her hands, throw between her and her Southern enemies, who will stop at nothing to besmirch her as a woman and hinder her as an advocate, a correspondent determination to stop at nothing to checkmate and expose their dirty game."

DECEASED.

Mrs. Kate A. Delaney, widow of the late Major Martin R. Delaney, died at Xenia, O., Wednesday, the 11th inst., after a three days' illness.

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Red Debs,
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Of my finger
Nor a continental
Nor a cuss
Nor a tinker's dam
Nor any other thing
For the U. S.
Or the American Union
Or any other Union
Except my Union
Which is the Union
The American Railway Union.
I am sui generis
And what I say
Is ex cathedra
And goes
Because I say it.
I sat on my throne
And as I sat
I felt my oats.
I longed for glory
And for power
And for a chance to talk
And get into the papers
And incidentally
To hang on
To the soft snap I've got
And so I said strike
And my subjects bowed down
And struck as one man—
That's what I tell you
That's power.
And old Roderick Dhu
Ain't in it
No more.
I guess that just now
People think
I'm some.
And that I've given
Your old Uncle Sam
A case of internal colic
That'll double him up
Quick.
And if he tries
To call me
Or mine
Down
There'll be blood
Blood by the bucket
Way above the bridles
But there won't be
None of mine
Not much
I'm no fool
And I know enough
To go in when it rains.
What's that?
Olney
Attorney-General Olney
May make it hot
For me!
For me, Debs
The Debs
Debs of the A. R. U.
Me guilty of treason?
Or of conspiracy
Against the U. S.
And interstate commerce
And of inciting
To riot
To violence
And to murder?
Well now I must smile
I really must
What do you think
I'm here for?
Let Olney come on
I ain't scared
Not a bit.
Haven't I tied up roads
Put up the price of meats
And food generally
And made the poor man's dollar
Buy less
Than it did?
Well I guess.
If Olney
Wants to get after me
Let him come
Only
Let him remember
I aint done no
Harmful act
I've simply bossed
And talked,
And if any one
Has got to be punished
He oughtn't to get after me,
But after the fellers
As done the things.
I aint done nothing
Except sit back
Safe and easy
And draw my pay.
And sorter stir things up
'Cause that's my way,
For I'm Debs
Red Debs.—[Boston Herald.

READ THIS FRIENDS AND DO US A FAVOR.

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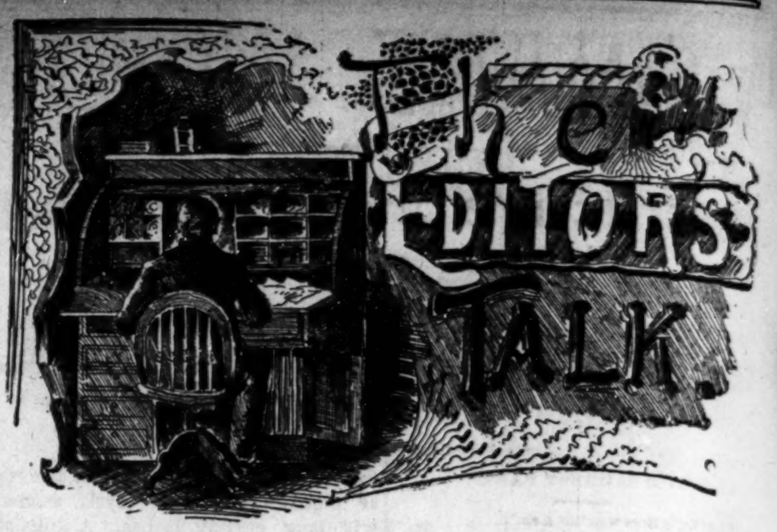

THE SITUATION—REFLECTIONS.

At this writing (Tuesday, the 10th), the situation is that the "mobbites" at Hammond have been apparently quieted, if not crushed, owing to the presence of a determined militia force, assisted by the salutary effect of the President's proclamation. At Chicago about the same condition has obtained, with the exception, and a menacing one, the Trades' Unions of the city, after an all night, stormy session, have voted the ultimatum that Mr. Pullman failing to make concession to his striking workmen, they would "come out" as one body, Wednesday, 7 a. m. By the time this will be read either the great "Debs strike" will be backbroken, bursted, or triumphant for a few days, only to go more completely to pieces later on.

But what a spectacle, what a commentary on the boasted twentieth century civilization!

Are we really progressing or retrogressing?

Are men broadening out by the processes of the suns, or the reverse, which?

Within a few weeks of a year ago, speaking editorially in these columns, being impressed with the signs of the times, we said, without claiming to be a prophet or the son of one:

"History is repeating itself, and where will it end? If any one thinks we are not approaching a crisis in this country, when the wants and necessities of the under millions will be sharply arrayed against the sullen independence and criminal elegance and ease of the extremely rich, let them take up and read afresh that lurid history of the most lurid period in all civilization, as depicted in Carlyle's French revolution. So similar to what is happening in America every day are the premonitory signs which led up to that carnage of all the centuries, as shown to us by the virile pen of the great essayist, that the contemplation of the same is startling. Then, as now, the rumbling of the coming storm started in all the large population centres and grew louder and louder, day after day. The bread riots of Paris, Lyons, Bordeaux and other French cities, save that in some instances they were led by women whom hunger had unsexed and the sight of starving babies had made frantic, were of the same nature and for the same cause as the recent outbreaks in the cities of New York, Buffalo, Kansas City and Chicago. Then, as now, millions could be found for the purchase of gew-gaws for the hands that never toiled, while penury walked the streets or stole that it might obtain bread. The columns of the great metropolitan daily press last week contained a highly ornamental account of the coming debut in society of a young daughter of the Vanderbilts, and much elaboration and stress was laid upon the millions that were being spent upon the palace to be built where the fair debutante would receive for the first time society's fickle smiles, while the same papers contained the account of a "mob" of some thousands of hungry men and women who moved in restless strides upon the streets of the great commercial metropolis demanding work and bread. The signs are ominous. God grant they shall end in signs and that our own fair land, grievously though she has sinned, may be spared the scenes that caused the world to shudder hardly a century ago."

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ALABAMA STATE NORMAL

Quartette On a Tour Of Conquest And Melody, To

Arouse An Educational Interest Among The Members of the Race—Incidents of Their Pilgrimage.

MR. EDITOR:—Many months have elapsed since your correspondent from Normal, Ala., has been so fortunate as to have an article in your most worthy columns. I hope you will, however, grant me space in your paper to give your many readers an account of the Educational Campaign, conducted by Prof. W. H. Councill, principal of the State Normal and Industrial school, Normal, Ala. The company consists of a male quartette, and two young ladies of that school. June 25th the company set out with the intention of arousing an educational interest in the colored people. We gave our first entertainment in Huntsville. The large and appreciative audience showed the people of Huntsville to be in sympathy with the move of Prof. Councill in this noble work. The next appointment was at Maysville, we arrived there at 7:30 p. m. June 28th. The church was crowded when Prof. Councill and the quartette arrived. The crowd continued to swell and soon the doors and windows were blocked with eager listeners who could not enter the over crowded building. The program of the evening consisted of renditions from the State Normal Quartette, recitations by the ladies, Misses Hannah Gray and Loula Houston, and an able lecture by Prof. Councill.

The Quartette next appeared at Madison Station. Here we were greeted by a most appreciative audience. Prof. Councill was detained at Normal and Miss M. R. Barbour of the State Normal school faculty delivered a most excellent lecture to the good people of Madison. A deep interest was manifested by the people and when the question Was put to ascertain how many would arouse from their slumber and do all in their power to improve their homes and educate their children, a large number pledged themselves to do so.

July 3d we boarded the train for Mooresville; here we met with a cordial reception by the people interested in the advancement of education. Prof. Councill delivered his lecture on "Hot Potpourri." Professor pointed out to them the importance of building up their homes, educating their children, and many other things which impede the progress of the race. After the lecture he called for the hands of those who would build up their homes, educate their children and buy land, and who would attend some school next year. Many hands were raised and a live interest was manifested. The attendance was so large that no church or hall in Mooresville had a seating capacity sufficiently large to accommodate the people, hence a platform was erected in the street.

We reached Decatur, the gateway of the South, July 4th. We were met at the depot by a number of Normalites. A few minutes after we had gone to the homes of the kind and hospitable people of Decatur, there had assembled at least fifty students of Normal, graduates and under-graduates. Indeed it seemed like a reunion had been planned. On account of the 4th of July picnic and the Decatur Brass Band supper, the Quartette decided to postpone its entertainment until July 20th, when we will be through here on our way to Birmingham.

Words are inadequate to express the hospitality shown us by the people wherever we have been. The attendance at each entertainment has been extremely large. White as well as colored have greeted us at each place. The good people at each point have given us their halls free of charge, and sheltered and boarded the company.

We hope to meet with success throughout the campaign, and arouse the people to their duty to themselves, to God, the church and the nation.

Yours for the race,

Decatur, Ala. ITA T. BRYANT.

Visitors "Within Their Gates."

Ennis, Tex., Special.

At the Roark Park last week the picnic was great. A large crowd from Terrell, Tex., arrived here headed by the Terrell band to assist the Ennis Coronet band in their picnic at the Queen park. Revs. V. Williams, W. S. Johnson and Dr. McDarnel of Waxahachia, Tex., were in the city last week. Rev. R. F. Taylor, editor of The Reflector, of Corsicana, Tex., was in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. Linday Joriner, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Lizzie Joriner, Mr. C. C. Akins, Mrs. Mattie Buchanan, Mrs. E. M. Buchanan, G. Y. Joriner, I. K. Moseby, T. Baltty, J. M. Eanic, Mrs. Maggie Joriner, Mrs. Meney Gorden, Mrs. Texanna Hamton, Mrs. Marthaeling Hamton, Mrs. Kisey Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Joe Simes, Joe Hutson, Mrs. Bell Richerson, Mrs. Alice William, Mrs. Mary Denison, Carisel Denison, Mrs. Denison, Lee Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Charley Devose, John Devose, Mrs. Francis Cage, H J. Cage, Habioud Cage, Mr. Vaishton, Charley Williams, Dick Linair and Henry Hornton of Rice, Tex. were in the city last week. Rev. Davis dislocated his sholder by the flying horse. Allen Neal and Steve Walton were building a house for Rev. M. D. Moody, they were thrown from a nine feet scaffold and were badly hurt, had to be taken home in a buggy. Mr. Neal fell across a post and hurt his side, he is very ill. Mr. Walton is now able to do his work. Mrs. B. H. O'Neal left for Almo, Tex., last week. W. M. Smith, R. Russell and J. M Cornor left here for Denison, Tex., on a visit to their families. Mr. and Mrs. Blunt gave a cake walk for the young married people recently. P. W. White is ill. Mrs. Adline Gray has a sick baby. Will McGuire entered married life last week. Walter Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Dennis were in the city recently. It is a sure thing that the Republicans will put them out a full state ticket this fall, so our colored brothers must begin to whet up their swords to hew to the line.

The Story of a "Killing."

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

District court is in session. So far only three colored persons have been convicted. Last Christmas at a supper on Cedar Brake three persons were killed. Landon Galle was in the same and got 99 years, and his brother Lemon Galle got 25 years in the state prison. Others were in it but got away.

Some more facts about the Daniel mob: I learned last night that they only got one man that they wanted and that they killed the other two to keep them from being witnesses against them. The three they wanted were John Dolly (whom they got), Noah Flannigan and Harry Perry.

This is how they killed the two innocent persons: Old man Daniel saw Sol Nelson and sent word by Sol to Dolly for him to come over that he (Daniel) wanted to see him. Dolly thought nothing and went. Daniel, in the meantime, had shot a hog, knowing that Dolly would see it in passing and probably stop to examine it. Daniel then hid himself. The scheme worked, for Dolly saw the hog and had just stooped down when the Daniel mob shot him, then turned and killed Sol Nelson.

Austin Edwards heard the shooting and ran to see about it, and they saw him and shot him. They had nothing against Austin nor Sol, but only wanted to kill them to keep them from appearing as witnesses against the mob.

Some colored people saw the whole affair. Mrs. Dolly saw it by following after her husband to see what they wanted with him. Harry Perry, whom the mob also wanted, started to his fate, out of curiosity to see what the shooting meant, but some women ran and told him, so Mr. Perry, seeing his danger, turned his course and went back home.

Rev. M. S. Minus, of Brazoria, has petitioned off his church and made a residence of it. The young teachers are coming into the Normal daily. Last week a mass meeting was held to discuss the rates for board and lodging. The following resolution was offered by E. C. Branch, and was adopted:

WHEREAS, The proposed Summer Normal in our town will work great benefit to us by advertising our town, by helping to improve the teachers of our children by its moral influence, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this mass meeting that the citizens be earnestly requested to welcome our visitors by opening their hearts and their doors to them; be it further

Resolved, That our citizens who take teachers be requested to furnish board and lodging at the rate of $2 50 per week.

J. T. O'Bryant wishes the Normal students to know of his first-class barber shop.

Teachers Entertained.

Kelso, Tenn., Special.

The members of the A. M. E. church and members of our Literary gave an entertainment for the benefit of our preacher, Rev. Reynolds, on the 4th inst. We were entertained during the day with singing and orations. The morning exercises were as follows: Song, "Am waiting for the morning," led by J. M. Rice and Prof. C. D. Bright; devotional, Rev. F. J. Irvin; oration, Prof. Wells. Mr. Langston, one of our white distinguished physicians, read from manuscript a timely lecture in behalf of "Negro education and morals." The doctor is a venerable gentlemen and is a well known wisher to the progress of colored people. L. L. Hall, Esq., was present with us on the 4th. He says he enjoyed his trip to Guntersville, Ala., fine and that on his trip he made several speeches on political issues. All the public schools of the county began Monday, July 9th.

Are you a mechanic, a factory hand, do you labor in the soul, in the mines, the machine shop, the planing mill? Try a dust proof case "Premier," a FREEMAN gift. Read our offer this week.

A CONCORD OF MELODY.

Many Choirs Meet in a Grand Musical Jubilee—Fruits

Of a Noble Woman's Life Work—Splendid Programme Rendered—In Hymenal Bowers.

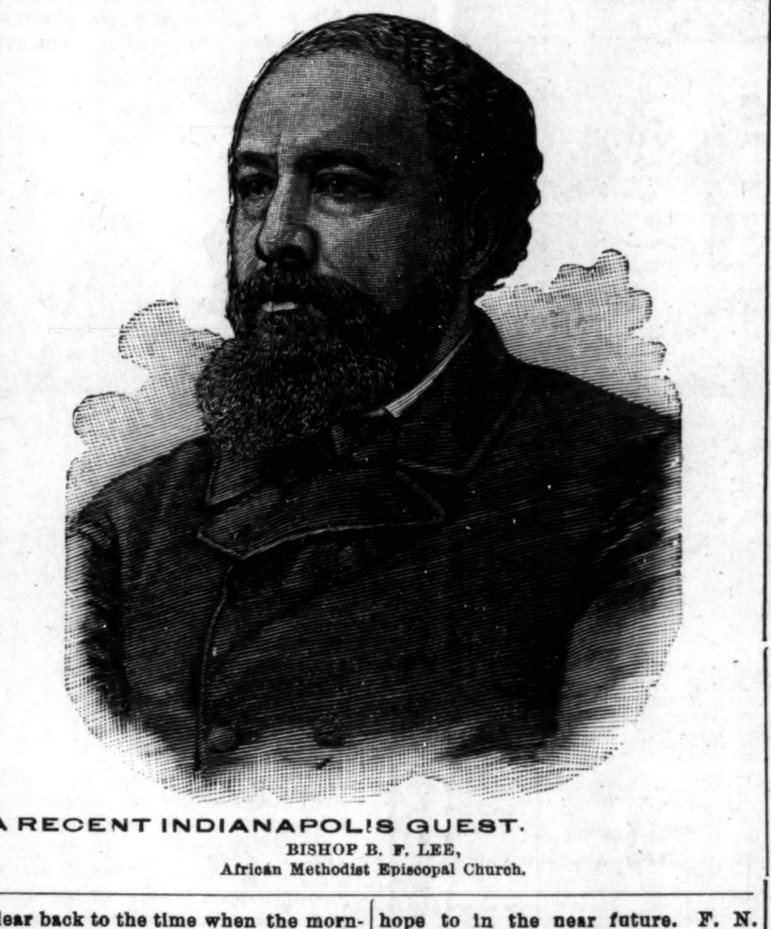
Wilmington, Del., Special.

A surprise party was given Rev. James Smith on Lombard St, Thursday evening, 5th inst. B. L. Tomlinson was in Milford, Del, last week. Quite a large number of ladies and gentleman held a picnic on the Brandywine, the 4th of July. The day was spent pleasantly. Many games and out door amusements were the features of the day. Tuesday evening the 3rd inst., marked another epoch in the history of Shiloh Baptist church, corner Twelfth and Orange Sts.. The occasion being an organ recital. All the colored choirs in the city being invited of which nearly all responded. Those who favored Shiloh with their presence were treated to a first class musical entertainment. The entertainment was opened with prayer by the pastor, Rev. B T, Moore accompanied with music on the new organ. Prof. James H. Price, Jr., presiding. Opening chorus by the choirs, Miss Emma J. View presiding. Bentley J. Doman of the Shiloh choir led with a very pretty solo, Miss Mable J. Caldwell accompanist. The chorus by the Union America choir under the leadership of Mr. Porter, was very artistically executed. The solo by Miss Weston of Washington, D. C., just captivated the audience and carried it by storm. Miss Weston is a charming little singer and has that winning way about her that wins her hearers and draws them nearer as she proceeds with her song. Miss —— read a paper on music and its charms. The lady went back to the foundation of the world; clear back to the time when the morning stars sang together and traced music to the present day.

Miss Maggie N. Elias, of Shiloh choir and also a teacher in No. 16 school, is not only a worker in the school, but she is also a worker in the church of her choice. She has worked hard day and night, to see an organ in the church, one that would meet the demands of the church's growing congregation, and last evening her brightest hopes were crowned with success. Miss Elias paid a glowing tribute to the rising generation, and she looked over the vast audience and saw some of the boys and girls, now grown to be men and women. Some taking part in the exercises of the evening; others filling honored positions. Some of the young men and not a few of the young women are teaching school, training other as she had trained them. Some of the young men now in the ministry, some superintendents of Sunday-schools, some have graduated and become M. D's. and as she would see one here and there in the audiance, she could not help but speak of them for they were a credit, not only to themselves, but to Miss Elias also; she being their teacher had much to do in shaping their course in their younger days. The chorus by the Zion M. E. church choir under the leadership of Prof. C. H. View was well rendered, it being a new piece of music, "Te Deum Laudamus" in B flat, by Will M. S. Brown. Charles Mason the choir's bass soloist made himself very conspicuous by his absence on an occasion like this. Miss Emma J. View accompanist. The Bethel A. M. E. church choir under the leadership of A. L. Mason, rendered "there" chorus very fine indeed. Michael Sterling accompanist. The last choir, bnt not the least, was the Gilbert Presbyterian church choir under the leadership of Prof. J. Anderson. This is a young choir, but it is composed of some of Wilmington's best music readers and we predict for this choir, under the instruction of Prof. Anderson to take its place at the head.

The tutors and their choirs deserve great credit, something like this among our choirs once in a while, would do much good, not only for the choirs but for the churches also. Dr. Stubbs gave a short talk on music. Rev. Moore thanked the choirs and the audience for their presence in behalf of Shiloh's Choir Misstress, Miss M. N. Elias. Closing hymn, Coronation. Benediction by the pastor. All present were then invited to the lecture room below where a bounteous table was spread and if any one came away dissatisfied it was no fault of Shiloh's.

Miss Bertha E. Spencer of this city, a teacher in No. 16 school and Rev. Harry Blackiston of Philadelphia were married Tuesday evening July 3d, by H. A. Monroe, D. D. of Philadelphia, at the home of the bride's father, Samuel R. Spencer, Sr., 207 E. Thirteenth street. Their home for the present will be Philadelphia.



A RECENT INDIANAPOLIS GUEST.

BISHOP B. F. LEE,

African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Houston Boys "Knocked Out."

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

We are looking forward to the coming of the Helena people. No pains have been spared to make it pleasant for all who will come on the 15th. Come out everybody and bring your baskets and have a good time. Base ball on the 4th was very interesting. The Houston boys were knocked out by a score of 16 to 10. Miss Glennie Chapple and Miss Adams, of Helena, who have been spending it pleasantly at Pine Bluff, passed through the city last week enroute home. They spent the night with Mrs. Berry. The boys were very sorry they couldn't make it pleasant for the young ladies, but hope to in the near future. F. N. Sneed spent the 4th in Helena. Mrs. H. N. Johnson, of Pine Bluff, was in the city not long since. We were sorry she couldn't stay longer. Mrs. Rance, who has been unable to walk, is up again. W. A. Austin and Robt. Thomas, were in Brinkley on the 4th. Mr. Brown has found some more of his stolen property. Humphrey Kenchin has been quite sick, but is up again. Take The Freeman and know what is going on. Rev. P. R. Washington was here last week. Prof. White says his school is full. Mr. Lillard is teaching near here. The long looked for rain came and was very much needed.

Fish Fry and "Fourth."

Thompson, Tex., Special.

Miss A. Gleed and Kate M. Bell left on the 3rd for Richmond, Tex., to attend the teachers' summer normal. Mr. Y. M. Jones and wife left on the 3rd for Bige Creek at Austin Point; also Elder C. Grayson and wife, followed by many others, among them being Miss Mamie Johnson, of Galveston, and Miss E. Talor, of Houston. They stretched their tents and remained in camp for three days on a fish fry and 4th of July celebration. The refreshments were very palatable. Mr. Jas. Robertson and his guest pulled out on the 4th for Clear Lake, where they spent the day fishing and hunting. John Dixon has been very sick, but is better at this writing.

School Commencement.

Decatur, Ill., Special.

The public school of Decatur closed Friday the 15th, ult., with the annual commencement at the Opera house, with a class of forty-nine graduates. Among this number were William Buchanan and Jas. F. Hall. Mr. Buchanan will enter Fisk University in the fall to study the medical course. We have enrolled at the Decatur high school, six girls and three boys. Miss Sarah King, a bright little girl twelve years of age, being the youngest.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Mrs. Lizzie Jackson has been elected lady principal of Wilberforce University.

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Miss Celia B. Lattimore is the first colored graduate from the high school of Saratoga, N. Y.

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A medical school of Chicago which up to last summer admitted colored students has closed its doors against them.

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The Parker Annex, of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, at Philadelphia, Pa., was dedicated recently.

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William Davis, of Texas, had the distinction of being selected the valedictorian of Lincoln University, of Pennsylvania.

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The late Bishop T. M. D. Ward bequeathed to Bishop A, Grant the watch and chain he had carried for several years.

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The town of Barnum, a suburb of Denver, Colo., has a colored police judge, the first in Colorado. His name is George P. Downey.

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Of the seventy-four colored applicants for teachers' certificates in Louisville, Ky., twenty-four passed. Three received principals' certificates.

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Mrs. Dr. Rumley, a recent graduate of Howard University, died suddenly week before last. She was just preparing to practice as a physician.

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Mr. A. H. Henderson, one of Cincinnati's prominent citizen's, has been appointed to the railway mail service between Cincinnati and Pittsburg.

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There are more colored students than white in Georgia colleges. One colored college has more money than all the white Baptist colleges together of that State.

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Miss Blanche Henry is the only colored graduate of the Coshocton (O.) High School. In a recent oratorical contest she took first prize among eighty competitors.

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Miss Blanche Newsome, who graduated June 19 from the American Conservatory of Music, of Chicago, had the honor of being one of the finest musicians in her class.

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The colored firemen of Augusta, Ga., are preparing for their grand tournament to be held July 18, in that city. Three hundred dollars in prizes are offered to competitors.

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The Afro-American Protective Association assembled in State convention in the court house of Ottumwa, Ia., July 3 and 4. Hon. T. L. Smith is president of the association.

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Frank B. Hood, a colored school teacher, was murdered in the school house by a crowd of men, near Liberty, Miss., on July 3, but before they killed him he shot and killed the leader.

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C. H. Smiley, colored Chicago caterer, is erecting a new stone front building at a cost of $22,000. When completed it will be the most complete establishment of its kind in that city.

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The colored Baptist church at Chattanooga, Tenn., which is one of the finest colored churches in the United States, was recently sold for $5,000, owing to a division among the members.

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A band of white caps attempted to whip a number of Negroes near Evening Shade, Ark., on the 2nd of July. During the melee that ensued three of the white caps were dangerously injured.

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W. H. Dammond, a colored man twenty years of age, graduated as a civil engineer from the Western University of Pennsylvania this year. He is the first of his race to graduate from this institution.

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Several colored men of Chicago have recently gone into business for themselves. Among them are Berry Hooker and J. N. Higgenbothem, contractors in wood and masonry work. They are now building the Golden Flats, a three-story brick building on the corner of Thirtieth street and Armour avenue. All the workmen are colored men, and it is owned by Mrs. Golden, a colored graduate of the Chicago Eclectic College.

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Leavenworth, Kan., has the only railroad ticket agent of color in this country, in the person of O. A. Harris, who is one of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company's trusted employes, having been in their employ for twenty years or more.

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R. B. Brown and B. R. Watkins, both colored, met in a road near Citronelle, Ala., and quarreled. Watkins struck Brown on the head with an axe, almost cleaving his skull. Brown died in the road about an hour afterwards, but not until he had told who his assailant was and that the assault was unprovoked.

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Prof. J. W. Hoffman has been made a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of London, a member of the Montreal Scientific Association and of the Botanical club of Columbia College, New York City. He is the only colored man in any of these Associations. He was formerly director in the department of biology in the State University, Louisville, Ky.

Cornerstone Laying.

Selma, Ala., Special.

Died on the 6th, inst., Caine Settles, after several weeks of lingering. Mr. Settles was born in Richmond, Va., and came to this place some twenty-five or thirty years ago. He leaves eight children. J. T. Settles, of the E. T. V. & G. railroad, being the younger one. Rev. C. J. Hardie, formerly of Florida, but now presiding at the First Baptist church in one of his recent sermons gave the young people some very plain talk about the race, which did not seem to take so well. Some one was heard to remark, that if that was the kind of preaching he was going to preach, they would stay away.

On the fifth Sunday in July the corner-stone laying of Green-street Baptist Church will commence at 2 p. m. The ceremonies will be opened by singing, followod by Scripture reading by Dr. C, S. Dinkins, prayer by Rev. C. P. Jones, sermon by Rev. L. Bryant, prayer by Dr. W. H. McAlpine, short addresses by Rev. J. T. Simpson and others. The collection on the corner stone will be conducted by Rev. C. J. Davis and others; corner-stone prayer by the Rev. C. J. Hardy. Dr. C. L. Pierce will superintend the ceremonies. Miss Amelia Tyler leaves in a few days to spend the summer months with her brother, Mr. George Tyler, at Atlanta, Ga. Sylvian street will look very lonely and sad to Mr. B— when she leaves.

Capt. Rich Gardner and his boys went over to Demopolis and did some good playing. Meridian, Miss., boys were "not in it." Nine innings and 9 to 6 in favor of Alabama. Selma boys are strictly in it. They have a cinch on everything they start. The J. B. of C. gave a grand entertainment at their hall July 4. Everything was in good shape and passed off well. At the Sisters of Charity hall was one more happy evening for all those who attended. Small hogs didn't last any longer in that place than a snow-ball would last in the sunshine.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Special.

G. U. O. of O. F. held a quarterly election on 28th ult. Officers as follows: W. L. McCrary elected for delegate to the district convention; Wm. Brodbury, E. S.; Tom Green, N. G.; J. A. Lewis, V. G; Geo. Anderson, P. N. G.; W. L. McCrary, N. F; appointed officers: Wm. Oxford, I. G.; L. J. Bell, Warden; Henry Williams, R. S. to N. G; Henry Mickin, L. S. to N. G; James, R. S. to V. G.; Tom Smith, L. D. to V. G. A birthday party recently given by Miss L. E. Young was largely attended. Mrs. Wm. Oxford recently returned from Uvalde. Rev. H. Lynch returned from Del Rio. Ed. W. Lamb of Austin is visiting friends and relatives in Eagle Pass and C. P. D. Mexico. A surprise party was recently given for Miss Olive Jackson at Mrs. Becton's residence. Those present were as follows: Rev. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, J. A. Lewis, Miss S. Ramos, S. H. Dodson, Miss Lilly Brown, Mrs. Wm. Oxford, Miss L. Young, Mrs. Wm. Bradbury, Miss O. Jackson, Capt. R. G. Ellis, Mrs. Becton, J. T. Payne and Ed W, Lamb of Austin. There was a festival on the 7th inst. for the A. M. E. church. Ed W. Lamb was very much carried away with Eagle Pass.

Big Picnic.

Summit, Miss., Special.

The Turner Historical and Literary circle, which was organized in February by Rev. H. M. Craft, is doing great good. Miss Mary Coleman, who has been spending the summer in New Orleans, spent one week in Summit with her mother and other relatives. There was a great picnic on the 4th in Summit. There were 1,800 people present.

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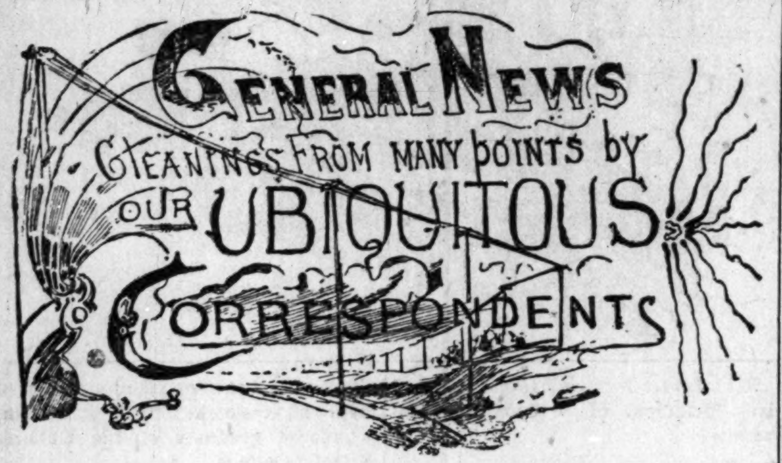

A FINE PROGRAM—

Fine Sunday School Picnic—Home From School—Many Personals.

Leadville, Col., Special.

The festival, fair and concert given by the A. M. E. church, on June 27th and 28th, was a grand success, both socially and financially. The program which was gotten up by Mrs. A. Bohanan, was as follows: Declamation, by Icel Hedspath; solo, by Mrs. Sarah Everetts; declamation, Nanie Lockett; solo, by Mrs. M. E. Robinson; duett, by Mmes. S. Everett and M. Smith; song and chorus, "Steal away to Jesus," by the concert company, led by Mrs. Everett, after which Mrs. Georgia Hill Robinson brought the house down with one of her favorite songs; declamation, "The fate of Virginia," by Miss Mamie McLead, who was applauded long and loud; drama by the company, entitled, "An Open Disguise." Committee at fancy tables, Mmes. Ferguson, Bohanan and Simpson; committee at confectionary table, Misses Roberson and Henry; committee on ice cream, Mrs. Sophia Anderson; committee on flowers, Mrs. Julia Cave. Miss Mamie McLead was Rebecca at the well. Committee on supper, Mme. Molly Prince, and Miss Gertrude Carter. Door keepers, J. W. Young and I. W. Bowen. Mrs. John Smith, of Tacoma, Wash., who has been spending some time at Hot Springs, Ark., is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Benton. Jessie Epps, who was a delegate to the National Baptist Convention, at Denver, has returned. Miss Satire Henderson has gone to Cottonwood Springs. The A. M. E. Sunday school attended the Union Sunday School picnic on the 26th, ult., and reported as having a good time. The Trustees are preparing to have a foundation put under the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Lida Wilson is expecting her daughter, Miss Leah Farris, home from school. At the Review, on the 24th, ult., at the A. M. E. Sunday school, Miss Mamie McLead read an interesting paper on the life of Aaron, and Miss Marsie Gooden beautifully portrayed the character of Reuben. Mrs. J. W. Young read a paper on the life and conduct of the patriarch Jacob. The Masons held their annual election on the 19th, ult., and elected the following officers: W. M., Lewis Barrus; S. W., J. D. Johnson; J. W., J. W. Estis; secretary, S. T. Stewart; treasurer, A. J. Young. There was a large attendance at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. Mrs. N. Bowles has returned from Grand Junction. Mrs. W. Schaffer is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Ed. Merrett. The weather is fine at this writing. There will be a festival given by Misses Gooden and McLead, at the A. M. E. church on the 12th. Everybody is invited.

School Commencement.

Alto, La., Special.

Little Creek school under the principalship of Prof. L. W. Winder has had good attendance throughout the term. People came from all parts of the parish to witness the examination. The welcome address was made by Eugene Powe. Among those who took part in the exercise might be mentioned, Bryant Williams, "The old clay pipe;" Walter Dunnings "The coming man;" Miss Channie Powe, 'School rules;" Miss Minnie Powe, "Married life a failure;" valedictory, "Progress" by Miss Carrie Gordon; closing address by Miss Beatrice White. Much credit is due Prof. Winder for the faithful performance of his duty in the school room for the past three years he has had charge of the school.

Will Be A Wardering Minstrel.

Selma, Ala. Special.

Britt Craig, an old Selma boy is soon to leave us and has accepted a position with Howard & McCroren's famous minstrels. A grand reception was given at the residence of Mrs. William Brawden (Hilldale) in honor of Miss Laura S. Samuels of Cave Spring, Ga., formerly of Selma, Ala. J. H. Crocheron, supreme master of the I. O. B. & S. of C. lodge has just arrived from Montgomery where he has been to install the third lodge of I. O. B. & S. of C. in that city. The I. O. B. & S. of C. lodge is one of the best in the South, it has done more for the Negro in Alabama than any lodge of its kind. It was organized in 1886 and has a membership in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, of 9000. J. H. Crocheron was elected supreme master last October, 1893 by the supreme lodge, he was supreme secretary for 12 years and has proved faithful to his duty. He is a good liver, having a first class barber shop, grocery store and a large farm. He is also a member of five different societies and is very prominent in all. J. A. Meryman, brother of G. I. Meryman, (Selma's leading baritone) leaves in a few days for Point Rock, N. C., where he will engage in the music business. The Young People's society gave a delightful German on the 29th at their hall on Green St. lead by H. C. Haynes. Floor managers, L. Breem and E. D. Murphy.

Preparing For Children's Day.

Solgohachia, Ark., Special.

There will be childrens day the fifth Sunday of this month, at Pleasant Hill M. E. church. Miss Lover and Carrie Roseman are preparing organ music for the above exercise. Mrs. Sailor and Prof. J. L. Bryan of our town are quite ill. Prof. Brown of Hot Springs was in town yesterday. Grant S. Neal, The Freeman boy is working for The Freeman at all times. The boys of this diggings hustle in a debate. Wm. Ornold of this county is a champion ball catcher.

URGED TO HOLD

Up Miss Well's Hands — List Of The Lynched.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

A few days ago I was much gratified at the privilege of reading some comments and expression of opinions of Miss Ida B. Wells' movements and lectures across the big deep.

First, I read the Appeal-Avalanche, of Memphis, which made a weak, puney effort to refute Miss Wells' true statement, but utterly failed. I next read the Chicago Tribune and found that Gov. Stone tried to deny Miss Wells' statement, but, thank the Lord, Gov. Stone fell hard into the right hands, the Tribune. That paper, which has been silently taking items, called the Governor in hand and showed that gentlemen that had Miss Wells produced all the figures which show the number of Negroes lynched in the South, which of course is very common, it would not look much like exageration, but that it would show that from 1885 to 1894 there were 1,360 persons lynched in the South and that 952 were Negroes, and that for the same period there were lynched in the North 262 and 30 of these were Negroes.

Now, according to the Tribune's figures, that is about 982 in nine years, which seems to be quite a large number, but I desire to say that although the Tribune has been faithful in trying to keep a straight and true record, yet those rebels of the South have killed numbers of Negroes in the dark hours of night and hid them away in the earth or sank them to the bottom of lakes and rivers and no one but themselves and the Lord knows anything about it.

So, to approximate upon this theory and add about 500 to 982 would make 1,482. Now, my dear sir, I want to suggest that the proper thing for us to do is to sanction Miss Wells' actions and affirm her statements and furnish her with all the lynchings that happen except those that will be hid in the earth, lakes and rivers.

Now, I want to say, that in my opinion the way to do this is to let some of our race-loving men in every county, state and territory call a mass meeting for the purpose of confirming or ratifying her action. Call everybody to the meeting, including the ladies and children.

I am very proud of personal acquaintance with Miss Wells. She is one of the grandest women of our race that ever breathed in this country.

Now, dear sir, I hope you will allow space in your valuable paper for this card, and in conclusion I will suggest further that the name of Miss Ida B. Wells be taught and rehearsed to our children, and I cannot believe that God would be displeased with us for holding up her name in our Sabbath schools. She has more nerve and stronger ambition than half of our best men in this country.

May God bless her in her noble efforts, and may He through his divine mercy lengthen her days that she may live to see the fruits of her noble and queenly efforts in the interest of her race in this country. Yours in the interest and up building of the race,

REV. W. H. COLE,

Guthrie, O. T.

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Children's Day—Splendid Success.

Bentonia, Miss., Special.

Children's day at Canon's Chaple C. M. E. church pastored by Rev. J. W. Brown, was a grand success. There were three successive schools in session at the same church, each school being pastored by Rev. Brown. Each school had its separate program, Canon Chaple, conducted by Hon. Avery, St. Paul, conducted by Hon. Battie Brown, and Pigeon Chaple by ——. After the morning services and dinner, we had a very enthusiastic lecture by Rev. Williams (white) who spoke very favorably of the educational advancement of the colored people of the South. One particular thing he referred to concerning our awkwardness and which created great laughter, was that we started with our heads to the fire. And one of the young men in response said "We have our side to the fire now and soon our feet will be there." Among the many that read essays were Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Avery, N. C. Canon, Geo. Williams, Hon. E. H. White a coming young preacher, Miss Margania Bowman, Miss M. A. Reed, and a good many others that time and space will not allow me to speak of. Best of all was a closing talk by J. A. Mitchell, who is a natural born orator and a coming young divine. The collection was $9.75 for the day. Miss Margania and Miss Masura have recently returned home from Jackson college where they spent nine months taking music. Miss Masura has an organ on which she performs very well. Please hear a word for The Freeman of all the high tone papers, give me The Freeman for news of interest about the race.

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Wright City, Mo., Special.

Wesley Chapel M. E. church of Wright City, Mo., was dedicated on the 29th of June, '94. Rev. G. W. Reeves, P. E., of the Hannible District preached the dedicatory sermon to a very large congregation. There was to have been an excursion from Montgomery city, Mo., to this place but owing to the Democratic plot of the agent of the Wabash Road, the excursion failed to run. He, the agent, favored the excursion and told the men that they could get the train, after tickets had been sold and the people ready to go, he pretended that he received a dispatch from St. Louis, that they would not let a coach go and that he would sell them tickets, but the people saw what he was up to so they went in wagons and buggies from all the near stations and enjoyed a nice time. They raised the sum of $99.35 cash, after which they had a very liberal subscription for the church. Kentucky, Tennessee and a few other states have Jim Crow car laws or separate coach laws and Missouri has a Jim Crow agent at Montgomery City, Mo. The writer wonders if the proud little agent can get coaches under the great Pullman pull for more money.

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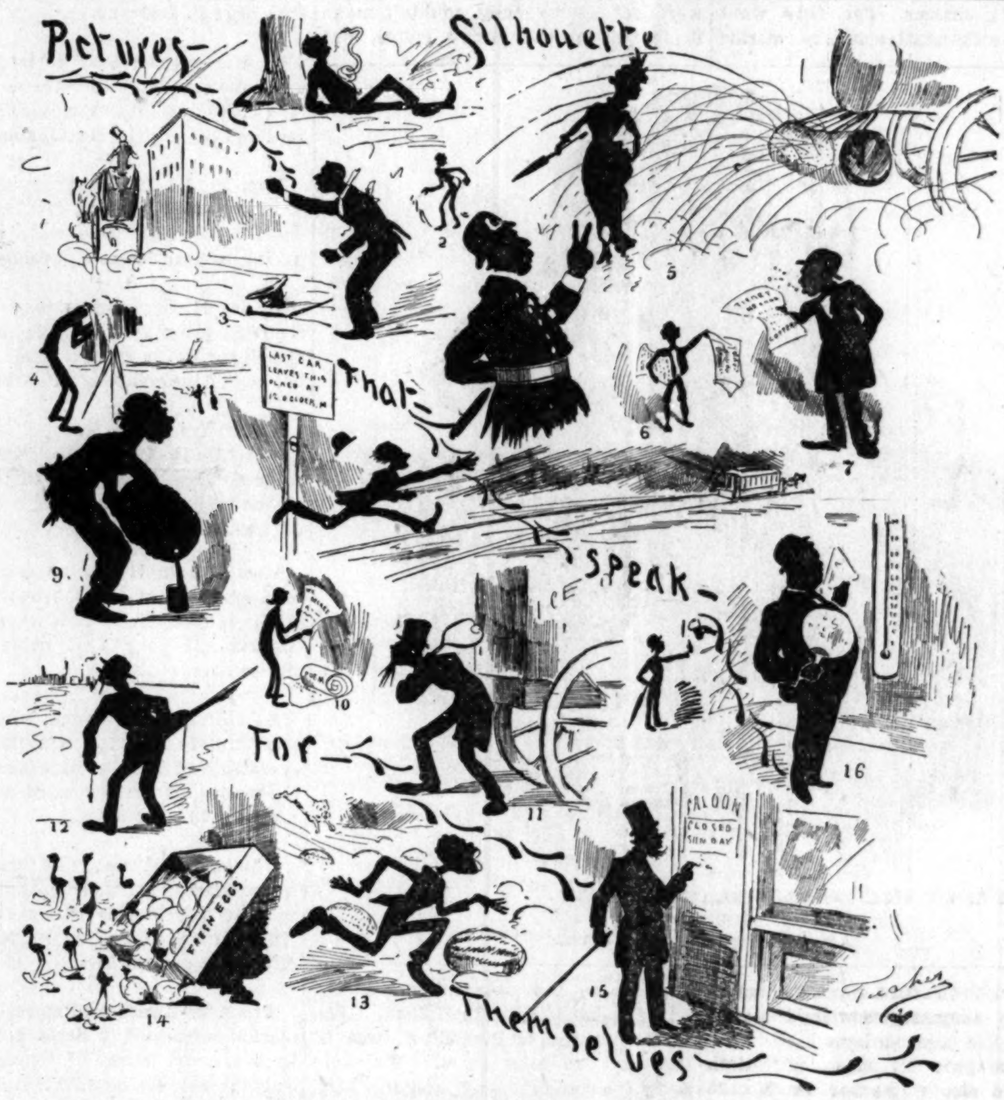

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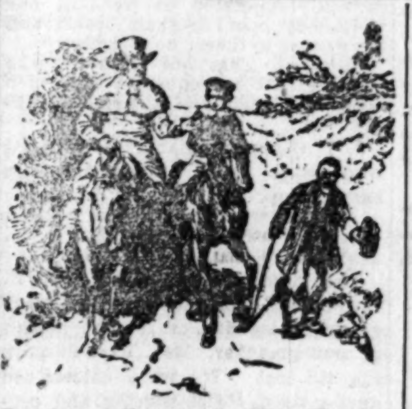

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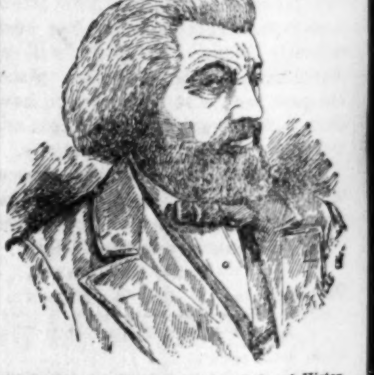

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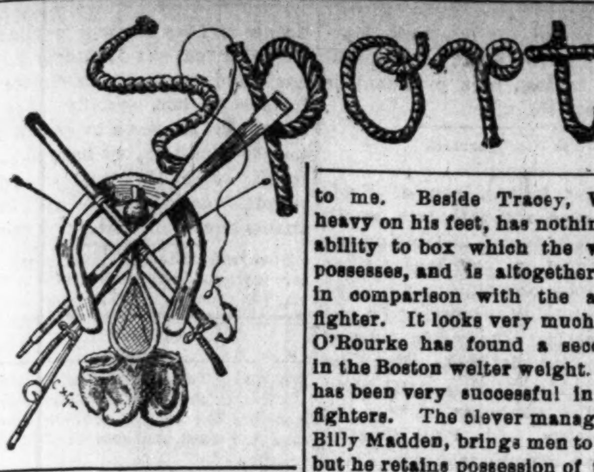

TOO MUCH KNOWLEDGE.

[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.]

"Boy, what is a peninsula?"

"A point of land extending into the water."

"Good! What's a strait?"

"Ace, king, queen, jack and ten-spot."

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Jim Corbett refuses to talk fight with Bob Fitzsimmons.

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Jim Johsnon, the middleweight of Indiana, is in Chicago looking for a fight.

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The famous colored ball club, the Cuban Giants, are playing great ball this season and are defeating some of the best clubs in the East.

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Wilson, the colored middleweight of Australia, bested Charles Lynch, of East Boston, in a three-round bout at Brockton, Mass., last week.

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Horace M. Leeds of Atlantic City, has issued a challenge to fight any man in the world at 133 pounds for $2500 a side, Jack McAuliffe preferred.

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Kid Thompson, of Cincinnati, is anxious to get a match on with some of the good ones. He is a clever fighter and should be able to get on a match.

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Champion James Corbett will leave England the latter part of this month expecting to arrive here July 25th. His arrival will no doubt let loose a lot of fighting talk.

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The Chicago wheelmen who came to Indianapolis to attend the races were surprised in not capturing any of the prizes. In the road race not one of them finished the course.

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Now that George Dixon has proven that he is Young Griffo's master at catch weights, I am satisfied that Griffo will not want to fight George at 122 pounds or any other weight.

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Peter Maher, the Irish champion, and Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," may be matched to fight to a finish in the near future. John J. Quinn, of Pittsburg, will back Maher for $2,500.

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Benny Peterson, with whom the Kentucky Rosebud wanted to make a fake set-to at the latter's benefit recently, is after Edgerton now, and is willing to meet him in a limited round or a finish contest.

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Mr. Archie Greathouse, of Indianapolis, has quartered at the State Fair grounds several head of horses. Among them are some promising two-year-olds that will cause the "knowing ones" to think a great deal before the season is over.

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Wiley Evans, the well-known colored pugilist of Cincinnati, says that he is open to fight any 145-pound man of reputation in the United States. Evans says he can get a good purse in Cincinnati for a limited round go with some good man.

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Geo. Johnson, the featherweight champion of England, has issued a challenge to fight George Dixon, the featherweight champion of America, at 122 pounds for $2500 and the featherweight championship of the world. He will fight Dixon in England or America.

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The Nashville Daltons defeated the Murfreesboro, Tenn., ball club recently in two well played games. The first day the score was 10 to 4, second day, 10 to 7. During the games a boy was hit in the ear and a girl in the eye with the ball but not seriously injured.

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Billy Teller says he is willing to fight any man, bar nobody, in the world, at 130 pounds. "I have been in Cincinnati a long time," said William, "and I think I am losing time in not fighting. I would like to hear from some of the fighters at once. I also challenge the winner of the Pepper Griffin and Charley Slusher fight."

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The colored fighter, Joe Walcott, is gradually forging his way to the front rank in pugilism. Walcott has been very successful in the ring, and considering that he is not rated as a clever fighter, some of his victories savor of strangeness. His whipping of Harris was not an astonishing event, but how he ever managed to defeat clever Australian Tracey, not having seen the fight, has always been a mystery to me. Beside Tracey, Walcott is heavy on his feet, has nothing like the ability to box which the white man possesses, and is altogether awkward in comparison with the antipodean fighter. It looks very much like Tom O'Rourke has found a second Dixon in the Boston welter weight. O'Rourke has been very successful in handling fighters. The clever manager, unlike Billy Madden, brings men to the front, but he retains possession of them after they are to the front. Billy loses them as soon as they become champions; that is, those of them that last long enough to become champions. A few of the clever lads whom O'Rourke has handled are as follows: Jack Havlin, Barney Hubbard, George Dixon and Joe Walcott, quite a fighting quartette, I assure you. On this occasion the whites and blacks "break even."

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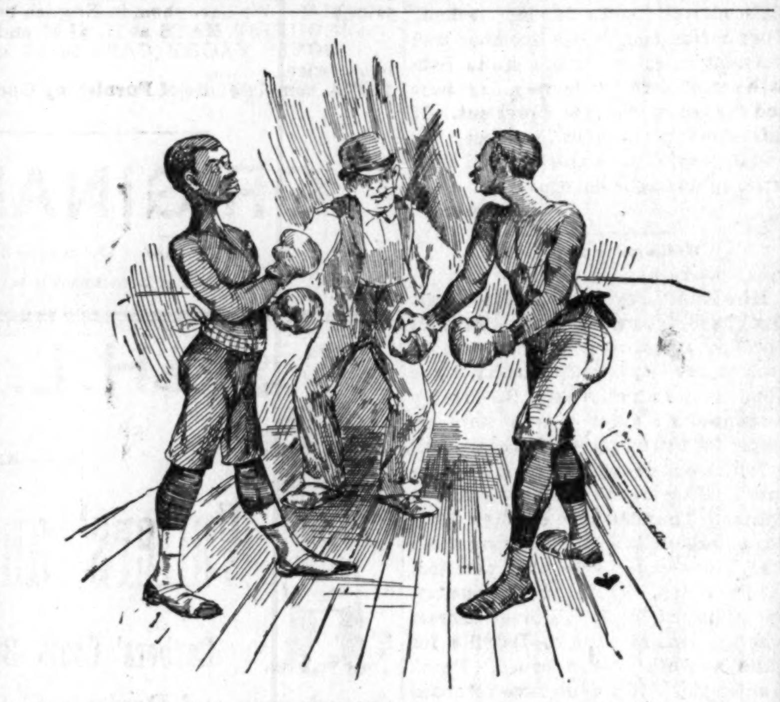
John Henry Johnson stopped Oscar Lewis, "the Gloucester Lamplighter," in the second round of a glove contest for a purse in Philadelphia last week. Both pugilists are colored. Johnson had the better of the contest from the start and when he floored Lewis after about two minutes of the second round had expired, the fight was over for "the Lamplighter" failed to get up again.

Joe Walcott of Boston, defeated Dick O'Brien, of Lewiston, Me., in twelve brutal and bloody rounds, last Eriday night in Boston.



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Conference of Colored Physicians.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.

Our city was last week graced with the presence of the colored physicians and surgeons of the state. Being unable to attend the sessions, I am not informed as to the success of the meeting; but as I've heard nothing to the contrary, I conclude that the session was pleasant and profitable. Dr. P. Clark, of Helena, enjoyed it I know because he not only came to discuss theropeutics and philosophy of diseases, but also to enjoy his honey moon, he, having prior to leaving home for this place, married the accomplished Miss P. A. Clark of his own city, Helena. The public schools of that city loose an excellent teacher, but Dr. Clark thought that as schools had not thus far failed to find teachers, Helena could take the trouble to look for one in Miss Pinkie's place The happy couple were tendered a grand reception on Thursday night last at the residence of one of Mrs. Clark's former mates, Mrs. Mattie S. Jones. Roanoke Baptist church is on wheels. The congregation are anxious to work, and so they have to move their building a few paces and elevate a little farther above ground. The contemplated improvements will cost in the neighborhood of $800 or $1,000. May success crown their efforts. Although the law provides for public schools for over one thousand children, yet our board of education has not decided that they ought to obey the law. They rather seem to think it right and just for them to pay more attention to a few gentlemen who call themselves the tax payers and so it may come to pass that no public provision will be made for us this year; but we snall see.

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Masonic Picnic.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The picnic given June 29 by the Masonic Lodge of this place was a grand thing. Rev. Brown, of Helena District preached at the A. M. E. church, June 24th. Miss Ellen Keeth, of Little Rock was here last week en route to East lake where she expects to teach. F. N. Snode was in Brinkley, June 24, visiting Miss Shields The Clarendon Brass Band played for Brinkley the 4th. Mrs. Prof. W. N., of Pine Bluff passed through the city Saturday en rout to Holly Grove to visit her brother Prof. Wells. Rev. A. Vant preached at the first Baptist church Sunday. H. C. Pope, of Wilberforce, O., preached Sunday morning one of the ablest sermons at the A. M. E. church listened to for some time by the good people. He also gave a grand lecture, Monday night to a crowded house, we wish him much success and hope to have him with us again in the near future. J. E, Hamilton's horse that he purchased, came in Saturday from Memphis. Mrs. Mila Rance who has been unable to walk for some time is improving. W. M. Mitchell is no more with Barber Brown; he is now with W. J. Jacobs. We wish them much success.

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Rev. Maurice Lewis of Evansville is visiting many friends at the Capitol.

Mrs. Bybee died at her home in North Indianapolis last Monday night.

Mr. John Montgomery, of Springfield, O., was in the city the first of the week.

Charles Johnson, of New Albany, was in the city on last Wednesday and Thursday,

Montanni Bros.' famous orchestra will accompany the Superlative chorus on the 16th.

The Superlative chorus will be supported by Miss Estella Johnson, of Louisville, Ky.

Bishop B. F. Lee, of the A. M. E. Church connection, was in the city the last week.

Mrs. Ella Palmer was confined to her room the first of the week. but is again able to be out.

The Literary of the Second Baptist Church closed on last Wednesday evening for the summer season.

Miss Fannie Buckner has returned from Lexington, Ky., where she attended the funeral of her father.

Presiding Elder M. S. Johnson has purchased property on Fayette street, and will make this city his home.

Simpson Chapel, Ninth Presbyterian and Blackford St. Sunday schools had an outing at Bethsny on last Thursday.

A grand treat for the young people of Indianapolis is the Superlative chorus at the Y. M. C. A. hall on the 16th.

The Herculean Club will give a grand entertainment at the State Fair grounds on August 10. Look out for bills.

Rev. T. L Ferguson, P. E. of Bowling Green, Ky., is spending his summer vacation in the City of Concentric Circles.

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Rev. A. Bunch, pastor of the Lovely Lane A. M. E. Zion church on Virginia Ave., succeeded admirably in his grand rally on last Sabbath.

Lena Smith was buried under the auspices of the American Doves of Protection from the South Calvary Baptist Church on last Monday.

Dr. S. A. Furniss has resigned the superintendency of the Ninth Presbyterian Sunday school, which position he has held for the past four years.

A Japanese social will be given at the residence of Mrs. Martha Hall, 289 Bright street, next Thursday night, under the management of Mrs. Don Wells.

Rev. O. A. Williams of the Ninth Presbyterian church will preach tomorrow at 10 a. m. from Ruth 1:16-17. Subject: "The Character of Ruth the Moabitess."

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The Tabernacle Baptist Church, Rev. C. C. Wilson, pastor in charge, will close their weekly camp-meeting on the 20th inst. Special services all day to-morrow will be conducted by eminent divines of that faith.

The public will be pleased to learn that Rev. N. A. Seymour has organized a literary in connection with the Young Peoples Christian Endeavor society which meets at New Bethel Baptist church on Monday evening.

The Daughters of Samaria will hold their anniversary celebration on next Wednesday evening, the 18th inst. Mrs. Hattia L. Smith will sing a solo, after which the society will be entertained by an address by Rev. J. T. Leggett, of North Vernon, this State.

After the regular program consisting of declamations, solos duets, quartets and quintets given at Hood literary, Lovely Lane church on last Thursday evening, the following question was warmly discussed, "Resolved, That there are more people who marry for wealth than love."

MRS. PATSY HART,

Past Worthy Princes United Sisters of Friendship, Remembered by her Friends.

The surprise tendered Mrs. Patsey Hart by the officers and members of St. Mary's Temple No. 2, United Sisters of Friendship, at her place of business, corner Indiana Ave. and California St., was a most pleasant affair. Among the many gifts, was a barrell of flour, and great packages of sugar, lard and coffee, and substantial gifts of money by different members of the order. Mrs. Helen Graf, Chairman of the Trustee Board of No. 2, concieved the affair and to her belongs the main credit. She was ably assisted in her good work by Mrs. L. A. Leonard, W. P., Mrs. Minerva Smith, V. P., Mrs. M. Carter, treasurer Mrs. L. Garner, chairman sick committee, Mrs. A. West, secretary, and the following members and friends: Mesdames Mary Scott, Julia Tolbert, Edmonia Patterson, Mariah Barnett, Marish Cash, Cornelia Jones, Sarah Small, Mary Clay, Martha Miller, Mary Copeland, Ellen Lightfoot, Teresa Finley, Miss Emma Hicks, Mary Wilson, Julia Rossen, Carrie Henderson, Annie Weathers, Miss Annie Robinson, Mary Wright, Mrs. Harry Aikens, Lilly Williams, Sallie Shelton, Mrs. Thos. Caldwell, Mary Woods, Alice McDonald, Rebecca Roberts, Nancy Taylor, Caroline Lee, Martha Coward, and Messrs. John Cash, Wm. Parks, C. S. Pritchard, C. M. C. Willis, Edward Roberts and Thomas Smith. Mrs. Hart was greatly touched by the spontaneous and unlooked for evidence of sisterly and brotherly regard tendered her by the members of the noble Order, who in turn, entertain for her, such a regard as children have for a mother, Mrs. Hart being the oldest and first Worthy Princess in the history of the Order in Indianapolis. It was a pleasant occasion, long to be remembered.

A SUCCESS—

The Alpha Home Picnic — Bishop Lee Present.

Last Thursday, July 5th was picnic day at the Home tor aged colored women. While some were admiring the beautiful location or discussing future possibilities, others were enjoying the games of football or croquet. At 3:30 p. m. the President, Mrs. Hulda Webb, stated the object of this social gathering. Short addresses were made by Elders Carr, Martin Seymour, Smith, Williams, Price, Burden Raynor, Hagood, Henderson, Lawyer J. T. V. Hill and Hon. Geo. L. Knox. Bishop Lee was introduced, he commended the work, paid one dollar and became a member, also Mrs. Roxie B. Jones and Mrs. Don Wells. Mrs. Huldah Webb, president; Mrs. Dr. W. L. Perry, secretary.

Officers Elected.

Alpha Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, elected the following officers: A. J. Thompson, High Priest; Chas. Schusbery, King; Wm. Abstan, Scribe; Henry Thomas, Treasurer; Phillip M. Mays, Recorder; H. A. Rogan, C. H.; W. T. Floyd, P. S.; John J. Buckner, R. A. C.; A. T. Bradley, M. 1st V.; Lawson Seaton, M. 2nd V.; C. C. Brown, M. 3rd V.

Rev. T. Price Surprised.

The members and friends of Allen Chapel surprised the pastor Rev. T. Price, with a huge pound party, on Monday night July 9th. Among the many things given was a barrel of flour.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

A Grand Reception—A Gold Medal Given Mamie Ferguson.

Bowling Green, Ky., Special.

The State Teachers' Association convened here Tuesday. Quite a number of teachers were here from all parts of the state. The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. W. R Ferguson. Response by Rev. Wood, of Elizabethtown. The President, Rev. R. Mitchell, of this city, delivered his address Tuesday evening. The exercises of the association were very interesting. The choir furnished some of the best music ever heard. The following ladies presided at the piano during the association: Misses Rosa Smith, Lexington; M. L. Brown, Louisville; Atha Fisher, Franklin; L. P. Wilson, M. B. Mayo and P. F Mayo, of this city. Miss Luester Kuykendall, of this city, rendered a recitation, which, with the assistance of the piano, held the audience spellbound for twenty minutes. Miss Jennie Suter rendered a very effective recitation. Some of the teachers present were: Profs. C. C. Monroe, C. C. Wakefield, P. T. Frazier, Prof. Williams, S. E. Smith, J. H. Garvin, J. H. Jackson, A. W. Puller, P. H. Kennedy, Misses Lizzie Cook, M. L. Brown, Corean Butler, Rosa Smith, Jennie Suter, M. L. Bowman and many others. Rev. R. Mitchell was re-elected president; Miss M. L. Brown, vice-president; M. V. Cooke, secretary; Lizzie Cooke, treasurer. The work of the association was conducted in a pleasant and effective manner, and adjourned to meet at Lexington, Ky., July, '95. Misses Martha C. Slaughter and Phebe Lillard were elected to teach in our public school next term. Rev. Robert Mitchell went to Scottsville Sunday to preach the funeral of K. Mallory. Rev. P. H. Kennedy preached at State Street Sunday. Rev. Hamilton is out of the city. The Eleventh Street church has begun a camp meeting, which will last ten days. Miss Josie Strange, who has been attending school at Eckstein Norton, has returned. Miss M. V. Cooke, A. M., has returned. Prof. W. B. Wylie, Superintendent of public schools, presented Mamie Ferguson with a handsome medal for having led her class the entire year. Many of the teachers attended the banquet given in their honor Friday evening. The concert given at State Street church by Mr. Bell and others, was a grand affair. The Union met Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church. George Jackson, who has been attending Wilberforce University, has returned to the city. Rev. Grant is stopping in the city.

The "Immaculates" Highly Entertained.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. G. W. Hemphill attended the funeral of Mr. Oston Heston last week. Prof. T. T. Ransom and wife have the Belbuckle school. Rev. G. W. Hemphill will teach at Flat Creek. Shelbyville was crowded last week with beautiful ladies and brave men from all parts of the State. The Immaculate Order was grand; it had some very able representatives, men and women. The supper was a success. The following ladies and gentlemen were entertained by Rev. G. W. Hemphill and wife, at their residence on the 2d, inst.: Misses Mamie and Maggie Stutts, Maggie Green, L A. Sandies, Irene McKiney, Lizzie Bell, Drs. Turner and Overton, Prof. B. P. Thompson, and W. H. Gosling. Rev. F. M. Stamps, wife and daughter, Miss Carrie, were in the city last week. He is Grand Master of the Immaculates of the state. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, Presiding Elder of the Columbia district, was in the city last week. He is editor of the District Herald, Columbia. John Childris, of Tallahassa, was in town a few days last week. Elder Franklin, of Nashville, was in the city last week. Prof. A. A. Fisher, of Nashville, was in town last week. Messrs. Lowery and McGavock, the well known boot and shoe makers of Nashville, Tenn., were in the city last week. Misses Carrie Toney, Mamie G. Hoffman, Nancy Price and Hon. Hugh L. Price, of Nashville, Tenn., are the guest of Dr. F. L. Overton. John Donaway, Misses Lula Henderson and Addie Streeter, of Chattanooga, Tenn., are in the city. The teachers are all on the lookout for schools these days, as they are in demand at this time. Prof S. C. Rainey, W. H. Allison and W. H. Gosling were delegates to the Republican Congressional convention, which was held in Shelbyville on the 11th, inst. We hear something in the distance, and it is not the Negro either. When it is settled, we think race questions will be at an end. God will be with us. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

But Two Colored Persons in The City.

Dexter, Kan., Special.

Dexter is situated in the picturesque valley of Grouse Creek, 20 miles East of Winfield. And one of the most beautiful groves in the Sun Flower State, is just one mile from Dexter, where the people of this community met and celebrated the fourth in grand style. There are only two colored families in Dexter, but they are treated white and are made to feel that they are as much citizens as any body else here. They had a beaf on the 4th which was barbecued by an old colored man late of Tennessee, known around town as Uncle Louis. Everybody who partook of it, pronounced it the best barbecued meat they had ever eaten. most of the whites here are Republicans and when they hire a colored man he is treated white. When meal time comes, they don't put him off to a side table, neither does he have to wait; but he is freely permitted to eat when they eat, what they eat, and where they eat. So When a colored man comes in this part of the country, he is forced to believe that the race problem has been solved in this county (Coroley.)

P. B. Hannah, your correspondent's employer, is a staunch Republican and ex-union soldier. Not only is he a Republican, but he uncompromisingly advocates social equality. He is a constant reader of The Freeman, and says he likes it, which is fully proven, upon the fact that he looks as eagerly for it every Saturday as I do. Mr. Hannah is one of the wealthiest men in this county, and is a member of the board of directors of the Dexter State bank. As there are not enough colored people here to have a church of their own, they attend the white people's church and Sunday school. Your correspondent is a member and assistant secretary in the white Sabbath school here. It is very dry here and the hot winds are prevalent. If this short communication does not find its way to the waste basket, I shall write again in the near future.

J. F. THOMPSON.

Kidnappers Captured.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Miss Addie Peyton and Miss Lena Dix have returned from Steele's Springs. Mrs. Wardell the famous cook of this city is said to be haying a domicile put up on Kelogg St. Henry Bowens and Arthur Owens were arrested for intruding at Gorhams hall in which one delegate was fatally injured. They fined them five to fifteen dollars. The abductors of Edna Henderson are under bond, awaiting trial. The kidnappers were also arrested. Willie Allen, an L. & N. hustler, has returned home. Odessa Harass who has been residing in Dalville for quite a while has returned. Frank Hunter and Will Payne have returned to this city. Mr. Hunter is said to be the one that left Mr. Wardell "on the grass" and disappeared. An excursion leaves for St. Louis July 14th for $4.00 the round trip. Peter Ligon and Miss Nannie Turnley were married at St. John and received their congratulations and reception at Mr. and Mrs. Cross'. They were greeted a welcome salutation. A party was given in South Clarksville, Tuesday, at which the participants had an excellent time. An excursion left here for Louisville which is said to have been requested to "keep off the grass" at Bowling Green. Call on Joe Steele's for a first class hair cut.

City Of Roses.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Dr. Jackson has returned from Wilberforce. Willie Stevens is in the City of Vapors. Mr. Rector is sneezing the breezes of Searcy. Rev. Potter and Nebane were in the city a few days ago, by request of Rev. Smith, the Presbyterian pastor. Dr. Berry has a buggy. Mrs. L. E. Stephens is convalescing. Dr. Coffin has adopted the old adage, "Go West young man." The strikers have gone so far as to stop trains from going in and out of the city. Dr. D. M. Darden has returned to Forest City, his old field of labor. The Freeman is for sale at the news stand in Jones' block. The sham battle was very largely attended on Saturday, the last day of the interstate drill. Prof. Booker is still on the go for the college. Mr. Denson was in town this week. George Foster thinks he'll teach this summer. Dr. Jones left during the strike for Indian Territory. The Jubilee singers disbanded and the ladies have returned home. Julius Ware, from the Springs was in town last week. "Doctor, do you really mean it?" was the echo from an evening's stroll. They still ask about the Y. M. C. A. but none will join hands to push on its cause. Dr, Roland of Pine Bluff stopped over on his way to the Association. Miss Lena Brown was married on the 11th to Mr. Honesty of Memphis. Mrs. Keotes, who has been away for several weeks returned on the 5th from Marshall, Texas. Prof. Scott is out teaching and the modest, nice president is presiding over the union.

She is Not Married.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.

Little Roger Harris, son of Prof. Harris, has recovered after two weeks illness with his eyes. The Hot Springs House Moving Company began work on the Roanoke church, moving and raising the building, preparing to put the basement in. The pastor notified the congregation that there would be no services in the building until after the 12th. The congregation will go visiting Sunday. St. Paul Baptist church gave a moonlight picnic Tuesday the 3d which was a failure owing to the preparations for the 4th. The 4th was a gala day in the city and surroundings. There were 6000 persons in attendance at Whiting park to witness the fire works at night. All nations were together and proved to be in harmony with each other. Miss Dallie Philips returned from Mountain valley on the 5th where she had spent a few days and is much improved to the satisfaction of her many friends. Miss Ducinda Bryant wishes the public to know that she is not married that she was only playing a joke on public by having Mr. Mason get the license and say she was to marry him and later that she did marry him. She has found out that such reports are injurious to her, socially. The strike has caused the town to get in a very serious condition, we have not had any freight for 5 days and our produce supplies are exhausted and the merchants expect it to be worse soon.

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